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Excitement builds for Roar Family Fun Day

Colour, fun and excitement will be the order of the day when the Brisbane Roar hosts its annual Family Fun Day at Roma Street Parklands on August 1.

Celebrating a new season, a new look squad and a new era in the club's history, the Family Fun Day will again bring fans, players and Roar officials together in a festival atmosphere.

Brisbane CEO Peter McLennan said the annual get-together - which will once again be proudly sponsored by Brisbane Airport Corporation - was one of the most vital events on the club's calendar.

"The Family Fun Day is extremely important to the club," McLennan said.

"It's a great way for our fan-base to welcome the players, the new season and to interact with each other as a supporting group.

"We as a club always look forward to the Family Fun Day and it's a major part of our efforts to launch into the successful season ahead."

Free rides, competitions, face-painting and the Roar Rapid Fire inflatable football field will all be part of this year's event.

Fans will also get a chance to meet their heroes when the squad are presented their jerseys for the 2010/11 Hyundai A-League.

Entry to the Family Fun Day is free and there will be plenty of giveaways – including special Roar showbags – so don't miss out!

The event will run from 10.30am to 2.30pm, with food, drink and the latest merchandise on sale. Brisbane players will be appearing from 12.30pm.

Brosque signs on for three more with SFC

Sydney FC striker Alex Brosque today signed a new three-year contract that will keep the speed machine at the Sky Blues until at least the end of the 2013/14 Hyundai A-League season.

Brosque, who was also named vice captain for the upcoming season, is one of the most feared strikers in the Hyundai A-League and his retention gives Sydney FC a massive boost on the eve of their title defence.

The 26-year-old Sydney junior has been an integral part of the Sky Blues since arriving for the 2006/07 season. Since, he has made over 90 A-League appearances for the club, scoring 24 goals and with his lightning speed, vision and deft touch has ripped many an opponent's defence apart.

He capped off a stellar 2009/10 season with selection in the PFA Team of the Year and was voted Sydney FC Player of the Year by his teammates for the second consecutive year.

Sky Blues get a new Hiro

Hyundai A-League 2010 Champions Sydney FC today announced the signing of midfielder Hirofumi Moriyasu to a one-year contract further bolstering the Sky Blues playing stocks.

The 24-year-old began a trail with Sydney FC one month ago and immediately impressed coach Vitezslav Lavicka and has since appeared in four preseason matches, including coming on during the Sky Blues clash with Everton on Saturday 10 July.

Bridges to lead Jets in new campaign

The Newcastle Jets have announced Michael Bridges as the club captain for the Hyundai A-League 2010/11 season. In addition to the striker's appointment as the team's new on-field leader, experienced defender Ljubo Milicevic has been named vice-captain.

Bridges, 31, joined the Jets midway through last season and immediately made a positive impact, scoring six goals as the Hunter-based club marched toward their fourth Hyundai A-League Finals Series in just five seasons of the competition. The affable Englishman will now take the captain's armband after the departure of former skipper Matt Thompson to Hyundai A-League newcomers Melbourne Heart opened the way for a new leader to be given the nod.

Heart Quartet Selected For Young Socceroos

Melbourne Heart FC's teenage quartet of Kliment Taseski, Eli Babalj, Kamal Ibrahim and Brendan Hamill have each earned selection to the Young Socceroos for the upcoming AFF U/19 Youth Championship in Vietnam.

Heart has also signed Cameron Watson and Nick Kalmar from VPL club, Oakleigh Cannons.

The Club is also playing Loddon Mallee Lightning FC as part of the Westpac Community Football Festival on Thursday 22 July at 6:30pm at Tom Flood Sports Oval, Bendigo

Moss gloves up for Gold Coast move

GOLD Coast United have acted quickly to fill the goalkeeping void left by the departure of Jess Vanstrattan and have agreed terms with Melbourne Victory shot-stopper, Glen Moss.

New Zealand international Moss will jet north as soon as possible to ink a two-year deal and begin training with his new teammates, allowing him just enough time to settle in before the start of the new campaign on 8 August.

The move is something of a homecoming for the 27-year-old 'keeper who was raised on the Gold Coast and holds an Australian passport.

United Head Coach, Miron Bleiberg, praised Melbourne Victory for their handling of the negotiations and swift attention to Gold Coast's enquiry about the player's availability.

"I must thank Melbourne Victory for their generosity in allowing Glen to speak with us and ultimately move to Gold Coast United," Bleiberg said.

"It all happened very quickly and for Glen it will be like coming home. He is signing as our number one goalkeeper and is proven at Hyundai A-League level. He is agile and reliable which is what you want in a goalkeeper.

"Glen has been in the league for some time and is very solid; we're delighted that we have been able to sign him so quickly and I'm very confident that it will be a move that suits Glen Moss and Gold Coast United.

Van's the Man for the Central Coast

The Central Coast Mariners are delighted to announce that they have agreed to terms with local junior and former Juventus and Gold Coast United goalkeeper Jess Vanstrattan to head to his hometown club until the end of the Hyundai A-League 2010/11 season.

The 27-year-old Gosford born custodian came through the ranks as a junior at Terrigal Soccer Club before signing his first professional contract with Northern Spirit, then coached by new Mariners Head Coach Graham Arnold in 1999.

After a seven year stint plying his trade in Italy's famed Serie A and a season at fellow Hyundai A-League club Gold Coast United, Vanstrattan says he is delighted to be heading back to the Coast.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Vanstrattan.

"I suppose it was a bit of a no brainer when this deal came up as a possibility. I felt from Arnie's end and my end that there was always a commitment to try to make it happen if it was possible, and it has ended up coming to fruition so I'm pretty happy with that.

"Not that I didn't enjoy myself on the Gold Coast it's a nice place, but home is home and I've got a lot of friends and family down there so I think my biggest hurdle will be getting (enough) tickets every home game!" laughed Vanstrattan.

Standing at 191 centimetres tall, the imposing gloveman recorded seven clean sheets in his 18 appearances for Gold Coast United last season as he confirmed his place as one of the country's top shot-stoppers.

Heart signs Jon Bon Jovi

While his blonde locks and slick rock moves have made him a pop superstar, Jon Bon Jovi's latest visit to Melbourne resonates with the lyrics of his monster hit, "Living on a Prayer" as he aims to give something special to the battlers among his legion of loyal followers.

All Heart and Soul: Jon Bon Jovi. PIC: MHFC

In announcing his new role as #1 International Ticket Holder for Melbourne's new A League side, Melbourne Heart FC, Bon Jovi has decided to keep the faith with those who don't enjoy his rock star good fortune and to make his association "mean something real to the fans".

Bon Jovi has purchased 4 premium memberships to the Heart and will donate the prized seats for each home game at AAMI Park to football fans who don't have the financial means to be able to afford to watch their favourite sport in the atmosphere of a live arena.

A lifelong sports fan, Bon Jovi was involved until recently in the AFL – not our AFL – but the Arena Football League in the US as one of the owners of professional arena (indoor) football team, The Philadelphia Soul. Obviously keen to score the poetic sporting quinella, his new partnership, dare we say it, adds Heart to his Soul.

While he'll be filling seats on his sell out Australian concert tour later this year, Jon Bon Jovi decided on an original take on the favoured ticketholder role and is hoping to fill some seats at the Heart's new home with fans who share his passion for sport but who wouldn't normally get anywhere near the VIP seats.

As he explained: "I like to think I pour my heart into whatever I do, so supporting Melbourne Heart FC seemed pretty natural, but I wanted to see if I could share that feeling a little….especially with Heart fans that maybe have the heart, but not the opportunity to show their support."

With record sales in excess of 130 million worldwide, a second career as a movie and TV actor and as an inductee of the American Songwriter's Hall of Fame, Jon Bon Jovi's fame Is highly visible. Less well know is his long involvement with a range of philanthropic causes including his own Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation.

Bon Jovi's charity involvements and fundraising efforts particularly focus on building homes and access to opportunity for the poor, homeless or displaced, and his initiative to bring deserving Melbourne Heart FC fans to the game they love reflects his ongoing work.

Details on how fans can apply to use the Bon Jovi VIP tickets will be available from today (Monday) on www.melbourneheartfc.com.au.

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Alanic VPL Grand Final prices and Gold Medal Night announced

In a further initiative to build the Alanic Victorian Premier League Grand Final into a large scale showcase event for the league, Football Federation Victoria (FFV) announced that pre-purchased tickets will be cheaper than in previous years, and will be made available for purchase online via the FFV website from Monday 26th July.

Football Federation Victoria CEO, Mark Rendell, said he hoped the price reduction would make the Grand Final accessible for everyone.

"We're thrilled to be able to showcase Premier League football at Victoria's world-class football venue, AAMI Park, and we're delighted to announce these special pre-purchase prices to make it affordable for everyone to come along," Mr Rendell said.

"We want to make this an annual event - the biggest day on the Victorian football calendar.

"It will be a fantastic day for not only the supporters of the four clubs involved, but all Victorian football fans, as they will be treated to a great day of football entertainment at this amazing facility."

The Premier League Grand Finals will be played on Saturday 11th September, with the women's match kicking off at 3pm, and the men's to follow at 7pm.

In a further announcement, FFV confirmed the date, time, venue and ticket price for FFV's Black Tie Gold Medal Night function.

The 2010 Gold Medal Night will be held on Monday 6th September at Etihad Stadium's Victory Room.

Gold Medal Tickets

2010 Gold Medal Night
Venue: Etihad Stadium
Date & Time: 7pm, Monday night, 6th September 2010
Adults: $165
Table of 10: $1500

Grand Final Tickets

General Admission
Pre-purchased tickets (online via FFV website from Monday 26th July)
Adults - $17
Concession - $15
Kids 14 and Under - Free

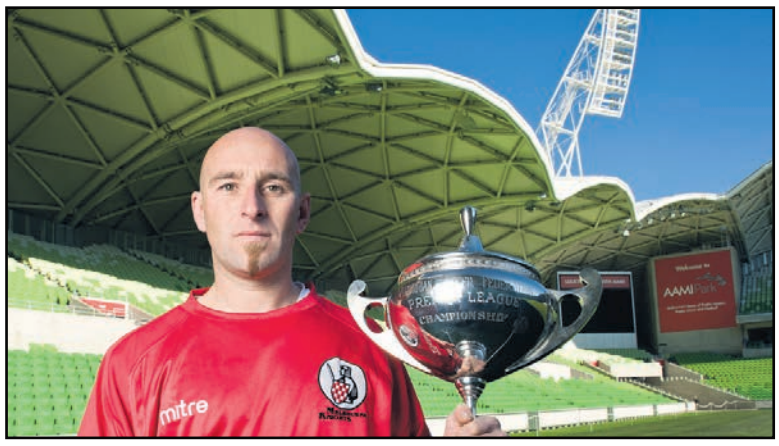
Tickets at the gate on match day
Adults - $22
Concession - $17
Kids 14 and Under - Free

Premiership Club
Includes admission to Corporate Function area (drinks at bar prices) and Level 2 seating

*Pre-purchased tickets - $25
Tickets at the gate - $40

*The Premiership Club discounted offer of $25 per ticket is available only for group bookings of 10 or more. Individual bookings and/or tickets purchased at the gate will be charged at $40 per person.

**Special offer for FFV clubs: Any purchase by any FFV club of 10 or more tickets to the Premiership Club will entitle that club to 1 (one) ticket in the draw to win $2500 on their FFV account for 2011.



Danny Tiatto with the Alanic VPL trophy at AAMI Stadium.
PHOTO: SYDNEY LOW

Australia to welcome FIFA technical inspection team

Australia welcomes a delegation of FIFA inspectors next week as the bid to bring the greatest show on earth, the FIFA World Cup™, to Australia in 2022 gains momentum.

FIFA have commenced a two-month tour, inspecting the nine countries who are bidding to host the 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™ tournaments.

The delegation of FIFA inspectors are responsible for conducting the technical evaluation of the bids and will visit Japan (19 - 22 July), South Korea (22 - 25 July), Australia (26 - 28 July), Netherlands and Belgium (9 - 12 August), Russia (16 - 19 August), England (23 - 26 August), Spain and Portugal (30 August - 2 September), United States (6 - 9 September) and Qatar (13 - 17 September).

The FIFA inspection team consists of six delegates and is led by Chilean Football Federation President, Harold Mayne-Nicholls.

The team will be escorted by FFA to inspect a selection of stadiums, hotels, training grounds and other infrastructure included in Australia's Bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup™.

At the end of the inspection tour, the delegation will submit an objective report to assist FIFA's 24 executive members select a host for the 2022 FIFA World Cup™, which will be announced by FIFA on 2 December 2010 in Zurich.

"We are totally focused on bringing the FIFA World Cup™ to Australia in 2022," said FFA Chairman, Frank Lowy.

"It is a dream, an ambition and an aspiration shared by all Australians. The inspection tour of Australia provides an opportunity to showcase our first class infrastructure and share details of our proposal for a uniquely Australian 2022 FIFA World Cup™ with FIFA directly.

"It is an important milestone in the bidding process and we need to ensure the inspectors can make the most of their short time here and see as much as possible without distractions."

Australia's bid also has complete bipartisan support.

Ten host cities have been selected as part of the Bid under Australia's nationwide hosting proposal that will see FIFA World Cup™ matches in six states and territories. Three new stadiums will be built in Perth, Canberra and Blacktown in Western Sydney and nine others upgraded should the Bid be successful, providing a $2.8 billion infrastructure legacy for all sporting codes and generations to come.

All Australians can do their part to help bring the FIFA World Cup™ to Australia – add your name at australiabid.com.au

Host with the most: Frank Lowy

FFA cleared over 'Necklacegate'

FIFA has cleared Football Federation Australia (FFA) of any wrongdoing around its conduct in bidding for the 2022 FIFA World Cup™.

FIFA wrote to FFA to say there were no grounds to open a case and the matter was closed.

FFA CEO Ben Buckley said he was pleased the recent reports published in The Age newspaper were shown to have no substance.

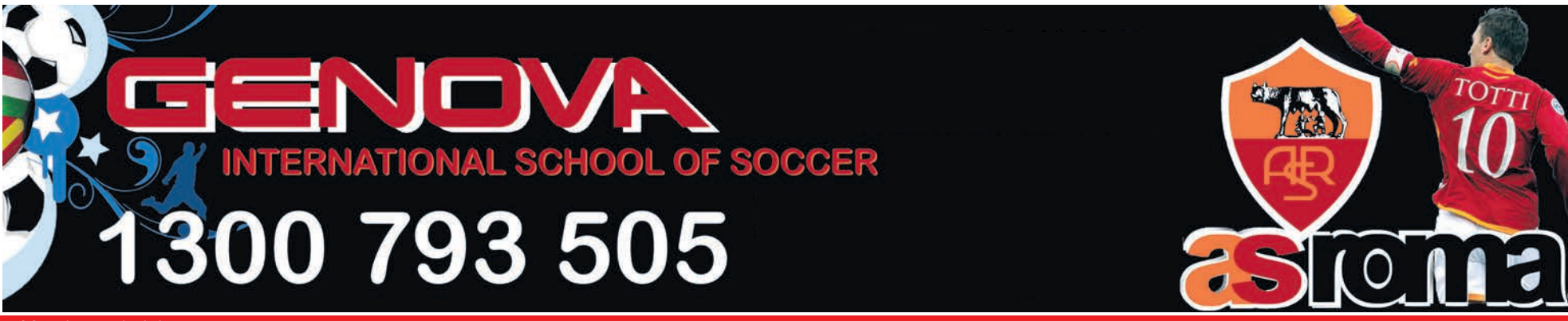
"We stated all along that those damaging allegations were false," Buckley said.

"Subsequently we have been cleared by the Federal Government, independent auditors and now by FIFA.

"With this behind us we can now concentrate on our Bid to bring the biggest sporting event in the world to Australia in 2022.

"If we are successful it will be a thrilling result for football fans and provide a lasting legacy for all major sports and a huge benefit to the national economy."

A set of South Sea Pearls yesterday



PHOENIX BLOW BOCA AWAY

By John Mitchell

GOALS to Wellington Phoenix striker Dylan Macallister and captain Andrew Durante earned the home side a deserved 2-1 victory over Argentine side Boca Juniors at a wet and windy Westpac Stadium in Wellington on Friday night.

The vocal home crowd of 11,751 witnessed an at times fiery and ill-tempered clash in which no quarter was asked and none given by both teams. It resulted in the visiting side ending the game with 10 men, defender Christian Cellay collecting a brace of yellow cards.

The match completes the major pre-season hit-outs for the Phoenix, having beaten Brisbane Roar 2-1 in Hamilton and losing 2-0 away to Adelaide United.

Their next match will be the opening round of the Hyundai A-League 2010/11 competition at Westpac Stadium on Friday, August 13, against Gold Coast United.

Boca danger man Marcelo Canete tested the Phoenix defence in the 10th minute when he stepped his way through four defenders before sliding the ball beyond Phoenix goalkeeper Mark Paston's right-hand post. Soon after, Paston's hands welcomed the warmth provided by a Pablo Mouche drive.

The game picked up in intensity following a harsh challenge on Paul Ifill by Cellay that earned the Argentine a yellow card from referee Jamie Cross in the 20th minute.

Phoenix striker Macallister bagged his first goal at home for his new club four minutes later when he met a well-weighted low cross from fellow front-man Chris Greenacre on the six yard box following fine lead-up work from Ifill and Leo Bertos.

Phoenix custodian Paston was pressed into action in the closing moments of the first half, saving low and to his left a free kick from Mouche outside the penalty area.

The home side deserved their lead heading into the break, the starting line-up – Macallister aside – having a familiar look from that which closed the previous Hyundai A-League season.

Greenacre had an early opportunity in the second stanza to extend the Phoenix lead but his header to a delightful Troy Hearfield cross from in front of goal looped over the crossbar.

Referee Cross issued further cards to Boca's Lucas Viatri and Phoenix midfielder Tim Brown in separate incidents soon after as both teams showed their competitive nature in the "friendly" match. Boca's Jesus Mendez, who nailed Brown in a poor challenge, and Juan Insaurralde also found their way into the referee's notebook.

Phoenix coach Ricki Herbert resisted making any changes till near the hour mark, introducing Argentine triallist Roberto "Toto" Cornejo for Macallister and Brazilian-cum-Kiwi playmaker Daniel for Bertos.

Daniel made his mark almost immediately in the 61st minute when his looping left-footed cross from a free kick found captain Andrew Durante on the far post for a close-range header back across the Boca goal and into the net.

Greenacre made way for triallist Mirjan Pavlovic to show his wares with 20 minutes remaining. Tempers flared soon after when Cellay was sent from the field after a clumsy challenge and connection of heads with Ifill. The Phoenix midfield dynamo was replaced soon after by English triallist Chris Shuker – who played alongside Greenacre at Tranmere Rovers.

With eight minutes remaining Durante deflected a cross by Orlando Gaona Lugo beyond Paston to revive the visitors' hopes of a result. However, the Phoenix defence held firm to ensure the match ended on a positive note for the home fans.

Players from Wellington Phoenix and Boca Juniors unite for the pre-game photo. PHOTO MARK McGEADY

All Whites and Phoenix coach Riki Herbert is awarded the Freedom of Wellington City by Mayor Kerry Prendergast. PHOTO MARK McGEADY

Latin and Argentinean Salsa dancers set the mood before kick-off. PHOTO MARK McGEADY

Paul Ifill jumps clear of the incoming challenge from Juan Insaurralde. PHOTO MARK McGEADY

Dylan Macallister celebrates his goal while the forlorn Boca's captain Christain Cellay rues his mistake at the back. PHOTO MARK McGEADY

TSIGAN'S TSIGAR

Tsigan Rolls One Up from the Central Coast!

With Mike Lilikakis

FOOT IN MOUTH DECEASE

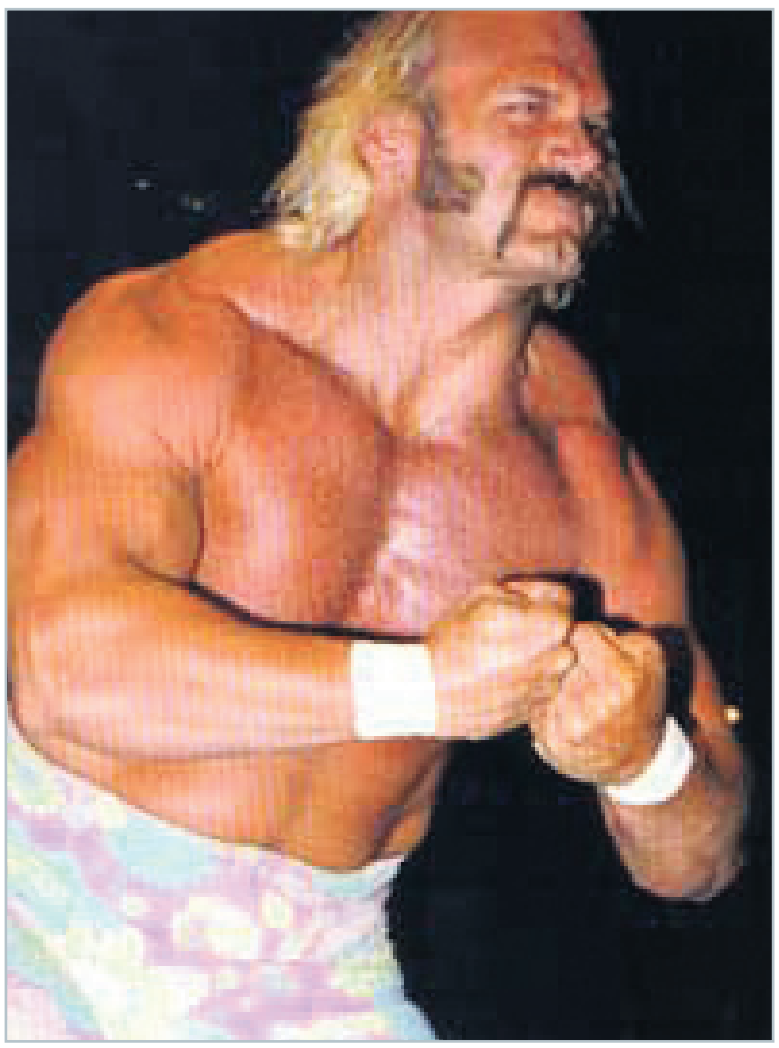
Ever pressed the mute button during the news, or a documentary? I mean you can gether, ha ha, I said gether and I'm not a Kiwi...I mean gather what's going on ja, sure... but pictures, dates and faces only add 1/3 of the picture. Even in the old days of the wireless, the sounds that emitted through the pox box added the interest moreso than the picture. Well, you had to use your imagination, and that was half the point.

My gist is this. To get a greater understanding of something one must add words, sound and volume to the picture in order to fill the void. You can watch a KFC commercial, ja sure...but when you have the chicken music bok bok beckoning, along with a voice over guy saying the words, "TENDER and JUICY or FLAVOUR", it sets off an overkill of seratonin which nearly renders you powerless to resist. YES, GO! GO NOW AND GET THAT CAJUN SINGER TOWER BURGER OF LOVE!

Ahem.

The Commentator:

Coulda, canna, shanna, banana be an Fugly McDugly but who cares as long as the voice is dripping goo concerning the taboo, than who should give a shmoo. Enough with the bad rap. Don't push me coz I'm close to the edge. Now then, enough gay banter. Let us look at who or what (depending on after hours responsibility) a commentator may refer to:



PUNDIT - a commentator on a topic such as politics, social sciences or sport.

SPORTS COMMENTATOR (SC) - a sports commentator. Who would've thought?

COLOUR COMMENTATOR (CC)- a sports commentator who assists the play-by-play announcer by providing analysis and background information. Otherwords, Batman's Robin, George's Bush, or Jana's Wendt.

MASTER of CEREMONIES (MC) - a host of a public or private staged event who has his own gold and silver denim sequined jacket with "MC" on the back, and carries an Elvis signed microphone. Usually the class clown in school.

POSTGLOSSATOR (PG) - or commentator, a member of a European legal school which arose in France in the fourteenth century with a penchant for swearing in Latin, bashing peasants with a mace, and pillaging relatives.

Historically speaking, in medieval medieval scholastic philosophy "The Commentator" was used to refer to Averroes, after his famous commentary on Aristotle. Stick that in yer bong and break it you limey Arts degree student.

THE BREAK DOWN

Commentary teams typically feature one professional commentator describing the passage of play, and another, usually an ex-player or manager, providing supplementary input as the game progresses.

The 'color commentator', or 'EXPERT/SPECIAL' commentator will usually restrict his input to periods when the ball is dead or out of play, or there is no significant action on the field and will defer to the main commentator whenever there is a shot on goal or other significant event. Sometimes this unfortunately results in their being talked-over or cut short by the primary commentator.

In pubs, this scenario would escalate to the two largest set blokes having a stoush, because being full if piss, there would be nothing left to do but barney over the fact that someone can't keep his big fat mouth shut.

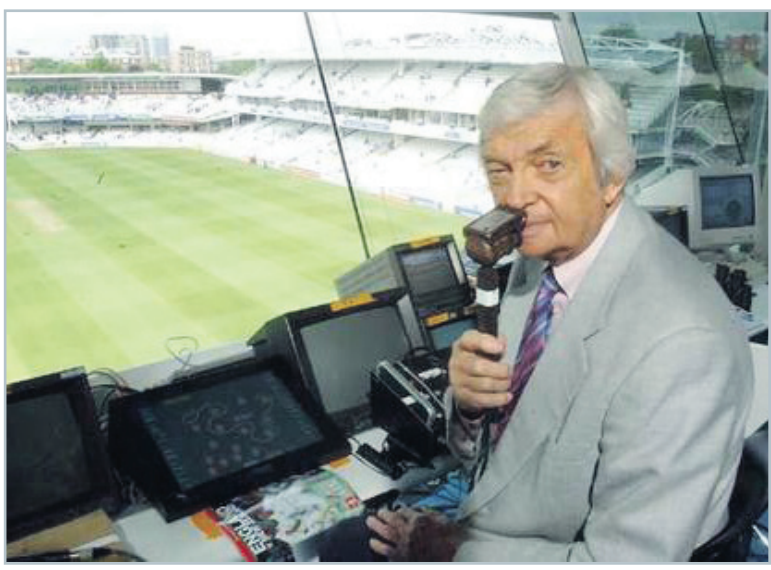
Additionally, former players and managers appear as pundits, carrying out a similar role to the co-commentator during the build-up to the match, at (1/4, 3/4) half-time and post-game. In English spheres, the motorsports coverage may have as many as two 'color men' in the John Wilkes Boothe for a given broadcast.

WOG VIEWS

In NORSELANDS the term expert-kommentator (expert commentator) is used for a knowledgeable sidekick to the play-by-play announcer. Thankfully he is charged with providing the slapstick, the Costello to Tony's Abbott.

In Latino-speaking countries, the position is known as a comentarista (commentator), in opposition to the narrador (narrator) who describes the action, and is not to be confused with Conquistador, Matador or Valmador of whom nothing nice can be said apart from Pig Fascist. In France, the term is "consultant" in opposition to the "commentateur sportif" (who is also a journalist) and spends the other half of his time seducing everyone's wife. In some countries, the two-person commentating team is not used.

In Germany, most broadcasted Fussbol matches feature a single play-by-play announcer, who is expected to provide background information and statistics by himself. This is Deutsche Fantastik at its finest. When a two-person commentating team is used (for example often in Motorsports or Winter sports) the second man (normally a former athlete) is called "Experte". And just as vell, as ve could haff another Putsch.



HELLS HEELS

Though not always the case, in certain types of sports entertainmnet (eg: WWE), the color commentator is usually a "heel sympathizer" (or a supporter of the "bad guys") as opposed to the play-by-play announcer, who is more or less the "voice of the fans" as well as supporters of the "good guys".

Though both are supposed to show neutral stance while announcing, the color commentator (especially when they support heels) are usually more blatant about their stance than the play-by-play announcer. The most notorious was former Governor of Minnesota, Predator superstar, the man with 30 inch pythons; my hero, Jesse 'The Body' Ventura and Bobby 'The Brain' Heenan. These dudes pioneered the "heel sympathizer" for color commentary in wrestling. In cricket, one could argue that Tony 'Keys' Grieg and Bill 'Pidgeon' Lawry did the same for WSC.

HEARING IS BELIEVING

In conclusion, lets remember that the voice has more distinction than the face.

A freak like Billy Connolly only comes along once every two thousand years, for the rest of the time we can settle intot he armchair knowing that we are being mentally stimulated with mediocrity and mundaneness so long as Martin Tyler or Richie Benaud is at the helm.

Here are some classic quotes courtesy of various PC's, MC's and Nacho flavoured CC's.

"And this is Gregoriava from Bulgaria. I saw her snatch this morning and it was amazing!" - *(Pat Glenn, weightlifting commentator.)*

"One of the reasons Arnie (Arnold Palmer) is playing so well is that, before each tee shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them. Oh my! What have I just said??" - *(US PGA Commentator.)*

"So Bob, where's that eight inches you promised me last night?" - *(Female news anchor to weatherman)*

"And here's Moses Kiptanui, the 19 year old Kenyan, who turned 20 a few weeks ago." - *(David Coleman)*

After playing Cameroon in the 1990 world cup finals: "We didn't underestimate them. They were just a lot better than we thought." *(-Bobby Robson)*

On the difficulties of adjusting to playing football and living in Italy: "It was like being in a foreign country." *(-Ian Rush)*

Jimmy Hill: "Don't sit on the fence, Terry. What chance do you think Germany has of getting through? Terry Venables: "I think it's 50-50."

"Ballesteros felt much better today after a 69 yesterday." *(-Steve Ryder covering the US Masters)*

"A brain Scan revealed that Andrew Caddick is not suffering from stress fracture of the shin." - *(Jo Sheldon)*

"There have been injuries and deaths in boxing, but none of them serious." *-(Alan Minter)*

"He's pulling him off! The Spanish manager is pulling his captain off!" *-(George Hamilton)*

"Here we are in the Holy Land of Israel - a Mecca for tourists." - *(David Vine)*

And the mother load...

"Julian Dicks is everywhere. It's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field." *-Metro Radio*

"... and later we will have action from the men's cockless pairs." *-Sue Barker*

Sic vis pacem, para bellum
Cogito Ergo Sum
Ad Nauseum
Tsiganus Tacticus United FC

The highs and lows of 1972

THE year 1972 saw some of greatest highs and deepest lows of Australian football.

Among the highlights were a successful tour of south Asia and New Zealand which contributed to the eventual first World Cup qualification in 1974, the first victory by Australia over a English touring club when Wolverhampton Wanderers were beaten and a draw against Santos for whom Pele played in the twilight of his career. The lows included an unbalanced interstate club tournament which was anticipated to be the forerunner for a national league and the expulsion of Croatia from the Victorian State League after a pitch invasion and a brawl and the botched withdrawal from the Oceania Confederation of FIFA which was aimed at securing membership of the Asian Confederation instead.

The year began with the usual optimism despite falling crowds for league matches in New South Wales. The Ampol Cup in NSW reversed the trend with some highly competitive matches drawing a 37 per cent increase at the start of the season. Plans for a national director of coaching were centred on a highly credentialed FIFA coach Dietmar Kramer, but his appointment did not occur. A number of tours had been planned including Borussia Munchengladbach whose visit was cancelled for fear of poor attendances and losses. Dundee from Scotland, Wolves and Santos did appear however.

Dundee kicked off the touring season with two-one win over Australia on 17 May in Adelaide. Jimmy Wilson and Jocky Scott put the Dark Blues two-up inside 18 minutes, but Noddy Alston pulled a goal back in 27, but Australia could not break through again. Apart from a four-two win over Victoria three days earlier most of Dundee's matches were blow-outs. Queensland was drubbed 9–0, New South Wales was hammered 6–1, while there were 9-1 wins over the ACT and 16–1 against a Northern Rivers select.

Wolverhampton Wanderers were next to arrive and had a close shave with South Australia getting up by the odd goal in five, but ran up six-two against Queensland and three without reply in the West. In the internationals, Australia recorded its first victory over a touring English club side with a one-nil win at Olympic Park, thanks to an 84th minute goal by Noddy Alston. In the Sydney match played the following day, Australia drew two-all with Ray Baartz putting the Socceroos ahead in the first minute following lead-up work by Billy Rogers and Terry Butler. After John McAlle equalized from a corner, Baartz struck again in 36 minutes from a George Harris through ball, beating two defenders along the way. Hugh Curran equalised late on when Peter Wilson froze as the ball came across.

Five days later Santos with Pele in its line-up was also held to a two-all draw. Jimmy Rooney scored a cracker and Ray Baartz added the other. Orlando Pereira and Edu scored for Santos. The match nearly did not take place as Santos insisted in having the match fee paid before they would take the field, so there was a frantic scramble by the ASF to raise the readies.

Meanwhile in Victoria there was a major controversy when Croatia was thrown out of the State League after a match at Olympic Park against Hakoah. The referee, Jimmy Brennan, sent off Croatia full back Hugh Gunn and later he was about to penalise another player when some members of the Croatia support came over the fence and made for the ref. The protestors bailed up the players and the referee in the dressing rooms till long after the match and the VSF tribunal threw the book at Croatia. The political situation in Australia was highly charged at the time with fire bombs being set off near Yugoslav premises in Sydney and a number of young Australian Croatians being killed in an abortive attempt to invade Yugoslavia. The VSF argued at the time and in a subsequent court case that the suspension was entirely the result of football related matters however. Several of the Croatia stars including Billy Vojtek and Jimmy Mackay moved to Sydney clubs when Croatia was banned.

At the end of the domestic season the ASF ran an interstate competition involving the top four clubs in New South Wales and Victoria. Hakoah, APIA, Marconi and St George represented NSW and South Melbourne Hellas, JUST, Melbourne Hungaria and George Cross turned out for Victoria. The northerners won all the matches in the first two rounds and attendances fell away. The tournament was billed as a trailer for a national league but it did not inspire confidence in that idea. Despite a revival by the Vics in the later rounds, particularly by Hellas, it was Marconi which won the title, beating St George one-nil in the final.

Sir Arthur George and the ASF were keen to break away from the Oceania confederation and join Asia instead. Late in the year Australia resigned from Oceania, but without securing the move to Asia. As a result the country remained unaffiliated to FIFA's structure at the end of the year.

It is interesting to read Paul Dean's contemporary assessment of the year in Soccer World. Among the pluses he mentioned were that the ASF won the right to host Australia's World Cup qualifying group in 1973. There was finance from the Rothmans company for a national director of coaching. The NSW Federation bought Parklea for future development. Frank Arok won four out of five trophies available to NSW clubs. Joe Marston took over APIA again as full-time manager-coach. But there was poor promotion of the game by the clubs. Paul Dean incidentally is the pen-name of Andrew Dettre, long-time editor of Soccer World, who handed over the reins to Lou Gautier at the start of 1973.

Jim Armstrong (right) scores the first of his four goals for South Melbourne Hellas against APIA in the interstate tournament. Photo: Soccer World, 1972.

Lou Kastner dives to save for George Cross against Hakoah in the interstate tournament. Photo: Soccer World, 1972.

Adrian 'Noddy' Alston on the charge. Photo: Soccer World, 1972.

Pele pursued by Ray Richards when the Socceroos played Santos. Photo: Soccer World, 1972.

Below: Manfred Schaefer flies over John McAlle when the Socceroos took on Wolverhampton Wanderers. Photo: Soccer World, 1972.

Scullion signs for Coleraine

David Scullion has agreed a one-year contract with Coleraine

Former Glentoran and Dungannon Swifts winger David Scullion is returning to the Irish League with Coleraine.

After leaving the Glens in February 2009, 26-year-old Scullion played for Derry City and then had a spell in Australia with Richmond Eagles.

He is Bannsiders boss David Platt's third major signing of the summer following Crusaders defender Aaron Black and Linfield's Johnny Harkness.

"Scullion knows what is required to play in the Premiership," said Platt.

"I have admired him for some time and he will give us options up front."

Scullion has signed a one-year contract with Coleraine.

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Former Richmond player David Scullion has agreed a one-year contract with Irish club Coleraine. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

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BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric

Another instance of the lights going out in the VPL this week, with floodlight failure seeing the Dandenong Thunder v Northcote City game abandoned. It will be interesting to see how the FFV handle the situation, given a history of conflicting and inconsistent precedents.

The rules now seem to clearly state that the game will have to be replayed in full with the score going back to 0-0. It's very harsh on Northcote, who were leading 4-1 at the time. That is unless they can convince someone to "do a Pignata" and get the game to resume at 4-1 in the 58th minute.

The new A-League season is imminent and the big question remains - who has Paul The Psychic Octopus predicted to win the comp? The answer - no one. Once again Paul swims idly in his tank, letting another opportunity slip by. Does not Germany have their own versions of Harry M Miller or Max Markson? Agents that would make the most on someone's fifteen mintues of fame are what is required.

Melbourne Victory have yet to sign a new striker. Perhaps they are following the Pim Verbeek plan against Germany and intend to play without any. There is still Robbie Kruse, but banking on him to remain uninjured the way he flops around up front is probably something Paul the Octopus wouldn't do.

Melbourne Heart now have a number one international ticket holder with John Bon Jovi taking the mantle. I could use various Bon Jovi song titles and lyrics to make some stupid puns, but instead I will go all Forrest Gump and say that's all I have to say about that.

The longer it takes the FFA to find a new Socceroos coach, the more it becomes likely that Aurelio Vidmar will be leading us into the next Asian Cup. It is a worrying prospect. At the last tournament I recall Graham Arnold blaming a lack of effort from certain players who did not want to be there. Will Vidmar be blaming a pissant country?

Do not adjust your set. I repeat, DO NOT ADJUST YOUR SET.

Fox Sports will be running an A-League Fantasy Football competition. I think most would agree that the actual Fox Sports A-League Fantasy involves either Mel McLaughlin or Lara Pitt. Most probably both.

In news from Japan, Socceroo striker Josh Kennedy has gotten a haircut. Now all he needs to do is get a real job.

Glory beats Reds

Two goals in the final five minutes from new signing Michael Baird has helped Perth Glory beat Adelaide United 3-1 in a pre-season friendly at Hindmarsh stadium.

Baird struck in the 86th and 89th minutes after Sergio van Dijk equalised for the Reds late in the second half.

The Glory open their 2010/11 Hyundai A-League campaign on Friday 6 August against the North Queensland Fury at nib Stadium (formerly ME Bank Stadium). Kick-off is at 8pm

The Reds open their 2010/11 Hyundai A-League campaign on Friday 6 August against the Newcastle Jets at Hindmarsh Stadium (Kick-Off 7.30pm ACST).

Match Details
Adelaide United FC 1 (van Dijk 77')
Perth Glory 3 (Jelic 17', Baird 86'/89')
Referee: Steven Toth
Crowd: 1,833 @ Hindmarsh Stadium

GOLD COAST DOWNS FURY

A SOLITARY goal from up and coming striker Golgol Mebrahtu was enough to claim victory for Gold Coast United as they ran out 1-0 winners over Hyundai A-League rivals North Queensland Fury at Carrara Stadium.

Miron Bleiberg's men dominated the match and will feel the margin of victory should have been greater after enjoying the lion's share of possession and creating a number of good chances in the first 45 minutes.

Mebrahtu's decisive strike came on the quarter-hour, the youngster skipping round Fury 'keeper Justin Pasfield and finishing calmly after Joel Porter's precise through ball opened up the visitor's defence.

Match Deatils
GOLD COAST UNITED 1
(Mebrahtu 15')
NORTH QUEENSLAND FURY 0
HT: 1-0
Referee: Matt Gillett

Jets suffer defeat at the hands of Roar

The Newcastle Jets have been defeated 1-0 by Brisbane Roar in their pre-season trial match at Port Macquarie Regional Stadium this afternoon.

In four previous pre-season visits to the region the Jets had not claimed a victory, and a late penalty by Ivan Franjic again saw the Novocastrians taste defeat in the Hastings.

The Jets nearly broke the deadlock in the 10th minute, though, through Iraqi livewire Ali Abbas. The winger's right-footed strike flew wide of the target after some fine lead-up work down the right flank by Labinot Haliti and Marko Jesic created the chance.

Match Details
Newcastle Jets: 0
Brisbane Roar: 1 (Franjic 85' pen.)
Referee: Stuart WOLFE

Glory keeper Tando Velaphi at full stretch as Daniel Mullen closes in. PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER

Luckless in Launceston

The Central Coast Mariners have drawn with a second Hyundai A-league opponent in as many weeks, after a questionable disallowed first half goal saw them forced to settle for a scoreless draw against Melbourne Victory at Launceston's Aurora Stadium.

"It's always good to gauge ourselves against one of the best teams in the league and (Melbourne are) probably the most successful team in the history of the A-League at the moment, and I think we learned a few lessons but overall I was very happy," said Mariners Head Coach Graham Arnold.

Match Details
Central Coast Mariners 0
Melbourne Victory 0

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Home grown coaches for Socceroo job

Yes, that would be nice and I can't see why not, but choosing the correct people to groom as the future Socceroo coaches requires they meet certain criteria.

Football intelligence, people skills, media skills, presentation and both a successful playing and proven coaching track record. Now that would take him to be between 40 to 50 years of age - nothing less or more. So there it is in a nut shell.

The possible Aussie candidates would need to come from our stock of former Socceroo players who are presently involved in coaching jobs either at A-League or National team level, meaning the field is narrowed even more. Are these people capable of leading the Socceroos one day? Gary van Egmond? Aurilio Vidmar? Graham Arnold? Food for thought.

Mark Bosnich speaks about specialized coaches and how good the goalkeeper coaches were when was coached by Ron Corry and Jim Fraser, and I can't help but to agree.

That brings me to the next point, that if it's good enough for the goalkeepers then why don't we consider employing specialised coaches for the defenders, midfielders and strikers of our National team?

Sasho Petrovski - "Not ready to quit"

The Newcastle Jets striker was one of the key stars in the opening season of the Hyundai A-League when he helped take Sydney FC to their first Championship in 2005/6.

In that debut season, he proved his NSL goal-every-second-game credentials by becoming the A-League's second highest goal scorer and also notched up the second highest number of assists.

After two seasons in Sky Blue, with 43 games and 14 goals under his belt, and then aged 32, management feared he was past his best and released him. He then moved to the Central Coast and scored another 14 goals in 44 games, and now has settled at the Newcastle Jets.

Now aged 35, Petrovski still has no plans to hang up his boots any time soon.

He says "I'm going good - enjoying it, doing well, no injuries or anything, It's not amazing, it's just intelligent."

"I'm just taking it year by year - hopefully this will be a good year for me. Last year was a bit quiet, playing wise, but hopefully I will get the chance to prove to the boss that I can still perform at the highest level here.

But although he has outlasted all the coaches who thought he was past it, he takes full responsibility for any lack of faith they might once have had...and is determined to prove that Sasho Petrovski is a survivor. If he feels his body is up to it then I can't see why coaches are writing him off. He can score goals, he has the experience, and you'd be a fool to question the passion.

The men that made Harry

Numerous coaches, scouts and mentors have tall tales of their involvement in the blossoming of Australia's favourite footballing son.

Ultimately it is Harry Kewell whose natural ability, hard work and determination shaped his destiny, but without the guidance of certain individuals along the way, who knows how different his career might have turned out.

This is the same formula that every young footballer must map out if they want to make it. From his first coach to his trusted agent and confidante and from his Leeds youth coach to the physio who saved his body, there have been some significant figures in the moulding of a Socceroo legend.

Not even Harry could stop from going Dutch.... PIC: GEOFF JONES

The message here is clear; every coach shapes a player. The importance of choosing the correct coach who will help shape your son is paramount to the player's development. Next time you are thinking of someone to better your son, make sure you do the homework and opt for someone that has been successful.

Dimitrios Petratos

"AUSTRALIA has begun the AFF Under-19's Championships in fine style with a 1-0 victory over Korea Republic with Dimitrios Petratos scoring the only goal of the game. Sydney FC youngster Petratos squeezed in a shot from an acute angle on 23 minutes for the decisive goal in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam."

For all the Greeks out there, we finally have a few players from Greek-Australian origin to cheer about - the other being Terry Antonis who is also from Sydney FC.

I've had the pleasure of coaching both them, and I can tell you that both are great young players who are destined for great football careers.

See you next week.

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THE KATSA

With George Katsamboukas

'Lights out and Everyone's Home' occurred on Saturday night at Dandy Thunder's ground, where the Northcote Boys were cruising to an Away Happy End, leading 4-1, when all of a sudden the lights went out.

Over to the House of Darebin for a determination as to what will happen with this match. However, the Blue Boys would feel a touch peeved if this match has to be replayed from the beginning with a 0-0 score line.

There are 4 things certain in life:
1.Always running out of J Walker
2.Taxes
3.Night matches in Victoria being disrupted due to Power Failures.
4.More Taxes

Gulum Going Great Guns

Over to Turkey we go where Ersan Gulum has realized a lifelong dream and signed a 12 month deal with Turkish Powerhouse, Besiktas.

Gulum played his junior joccer in Melbourne, and is one of the finest young left sided players that I have seen. However, he has not been selected for any FFA Australian National team as he did not go through the "System" of that great developmental organization, the Australian Institute of Sport.

I say that tongue in cheek as it seems that quality players such as Gulum - who because they are playing professionally overseas - are out of sight, out of mind when it comes to selecting National teams.

As he has dual citizenship he is also eligible to play for Turkey, and he is now waiting to see which country, Australia or Turkey, gives him a call up.

All OK with AEK

AEK Athens are in town and their arrival bought back memories of their last visit here, where a 16 year old Katsa who even at that young ripe age had the liver of a 55 year old, boarded the train bound for Richmond to see the Victorian State team take on AEK Athens.

A very bleak day it was where the rain waterlogged the Olympic Park surface, and the now Melbourne Victory El Supremo, Gary Cole, scored a hat trick to help the Vics to a 4-0 Happy End. Carl Gilder, scored the other to cap off a resounding victory.

A few days later AEK played NSW in an astonishing 5-5 draw, with two goals that day coming from GW's very own Eddie Krncevic.

Good to see the Greeks have learnt a thing or two about defending since then. Where was Otto when you needed him?!

Home Stretch

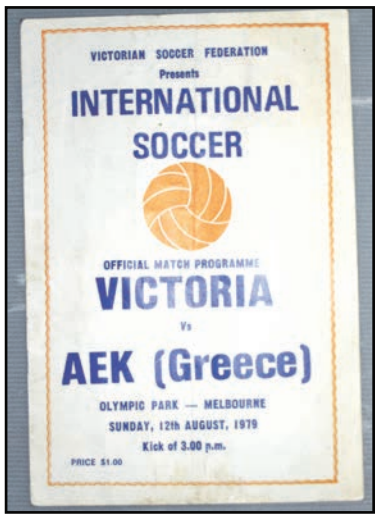
Back from the future we come and the Local Leagues are starting to take shape with the contenders being separated from the pretenders, the next few weeks will further separate these 2 groups.

We are close to the business end of the Season - for some the Spoils, for the others The Westgate.

This is Katsa – Just as you have known him

And remember, keep your Friends close, and your Club Powerbrokers closer!

Gary Cole in action for The Mighty Vics.



The match program from the Victoria v AEK match played Sunday 12th August 1979. Price:$1
Gary Cole's hat-trick: priceless!

Can The EPL's Bad Boy Change His Ways?

By Leroy Robinson

There's less than three weeks to go until the start of the new season. And, believe it or not, I had nothing to write about...then there I was counting the minutes and hours, when my delicate constitution was unsettled by this shocking quote from Sky Sports website:

"Watching some of the performances in the World Cup over the summer I think that on form, I'm as good as anybody in this country."

Can you guess the source? It is obviously not someone lacking confidence in his ability. Then again, given the paucity of performances from some countries, the words could come from an Italian, a Frenchman or even a Brazilian. One clue, it's an Englishman. Still stumped? He went on to elaborate:

"I don't say that lightly and I have to go out and prove that, but surely every midfielder in this country should be thinking like that?"

Ok, now we've narrowed it down to several hundred players, I'll spill. It was Joey Barton, the Newcastle United player. Whilst I wouldn't normally give anything Barton says much credence, surely it says something about the state of the national team when Barton – which some liken to a thug in football boots - starts speaking in such terms. Worst of all, he actually has a point.

How many times have we watched the goggle box and, after a misplaced pass of a few yards, thought "I could do better than these guys?" During a World Cup in which England's players needed a map to pass further than a few yards, I must have uttered it more than once. So what must players like Barton et al be thinking? Answer – exactly the same. Joey sums it up:

"They should be looking at (the England squad) it and saying, "'that's where I want to be and that's where I can go."

The fact I find myself agreeing with the former Manchester City player's belief that England places are up for grabs – even to a man who once assaulted ex-colleague Ousmane Dabo, and was sent to prison after a Boxing Day night out for punching a helpless man in the street 20 times in what the judge called a "violent and cowardly act" – doesn't fill me with pleasure. At the time of the assault Barton summed up everything about some footballers I disliked; the arrogance of money, lack of discipline and the idea that players can do what they like - short of murder - and continue playing after their punishment. Whether I like the system or not doesn't take away from the fact that the man fans love to hate is back in the EPL and – after a few second chances - is ready for a new start to his career and to put his newfound maturity to the test. To that end put August 22nd in your diary. They play Aston Villa and the last time he faced Gabriel Agbonlahor in November 2008 he was alleged to have made racial comments to the Villa striker. Should be interesting!

Crunchtime! Never one to be too far away from the law, Joey Barton and a couple of Bobbies get themselves acquanted.

"I'm a much more rounded footballer now than I was when I first signed for this club. Injuries have restricted my chances to show that."

That's all well and good, but there was never any doubt in Manchester or Newcastle about his ability. The problem in the past has been his ability, or inability, to stop his fists from colliding with the faces of others. However, I have no problem with Barton harbouring international ambitions. He is 27 and should be approaching the prime of his career. He also plays in a defensive midfield position that England has had a few problems with - and looking at his quotes again he must have been watching Gareth Barry tread water in South Africa with glee. Whatever his opinions he should be looking toward that other enfant terrible of EPL season's past – Lee Bowyer – for inspiration.

In April 2005 Bowyer punched Newcastle teammate Kieran Dyer on the pitch (what is it with Newcastle and thugs?) in an incident which saw both men sent off. At the time Bowyer's career looked destined for freefall. He then joined West Ham where he rebuilt his career with some good performances. During his time there they even signed a certain Kieran Dyer, with seemingly no repercussions.

Before this, as a player for Charlton in 1996, Bowyer strolled into a McDonalds in London and ordered a cheeseburger.

According to the Daily Mail he tossed it to the ground, demanding another cheeseburger, to be served by a white person and not a "f**king Paki". He and his friends then launched a tirade of racist abuse, hurling chairs at the server. Bowyer pleaded guilty to affray. Bowyer was also part of a mob (along with Spurs' Jonathan Woodgate) who chased Sarfraz Najeib outside a Leeds nightclub in January 2000, where he was viciously beaten. Bowyer was cleared but Woodgate was found guilty of affray.

After West Ham Bowyer moved to the sedate spotlight of Birmingham City, and Barton would be wise to adopt the calmer on-pitch attitude of the older and wiser Bowyer, especially in the minefield of the north-east where he will be goaded and provoked far more than he ever was during his visits to nightclubs. If he does start performing it will be interesting what stance Fabio Capello adopts toward the player.

Until then it is better Barton focuses on the monumental task of keeping Newcastle in the EPL, especially as they haven't really strengthened the squad to much of a degree, and go into the season with a coach in his first season in the Premier League. Perhaps this is one situation where the fighting spirit of Joey Barton will be essential!

Milner: From Villain To Super-Villain

In the week that West Ham co-chairman David Sullivan pooh-poohed Aston Villa's reported interest in Scott Parker, in part because he wasn't for sale and in part because they couldn't afford him, you'd think the Villains and their fans would be ecstatic that Manchester City are most likely willing to spend in excess of £20million for an unexceptional player like James Milner.

City may even throw in Stephen Ireland, if reports are true. To me that's like selling your rust bucket and having the buyer toss in a BMW along with the cash. Charity could be alive and well at Eastlands if Aston Villa gets Ireland and £24million.

Leaving aside Milner not being any better than what they already have, the transfer has seen some comments on forums accusing him of being a greedy boy, (he is 24 by the way so go figure) and of being an ungrateful wretch whose career was rescued by Villa, only for him to want to become a bench-warmer at City. I can't argue with the bench-warmer theory but as for being greedy, how does that work?

If you're offered a pay rise by a competitor to do the same job is it really greed to leave? That of course assumes he will be offered a pay rise. What if he was leaving to be on the same money? Would the Villa fans feel better about that scenario? Of course not. He wants to leave, and whatever the reason, fans will be upset. If I'm Milner, aside from the likely pay rise, I'd ask myself which team gives me the best chance of winning right now. Is it the team that finished 5th and strengthened or is it Aston Villa?

The complaints from fans are a typical smokescreen. Yes, I feel for the Villa fans, starved of success. No fan likes to be jilted by a player they love, so it's far better to convince oneself that the player is leaving simply for the money, and not because it gives him a better chance of winning. To admit the latter is depressing and defeatist. Fans have to display a certain degree of faith (AKA delusion) when it comes to such things. It is what England fans are famed for, and at club level it is no different. That is not to say that every player joins City because they give them the best chance to win. But in Milner's case I believe it is money and ambition.

That's not to say City are a bigger club than Villa but the Villa fans who complain about Milner and City's money need to understand that historically teams like Blackburn in the 1990s attracted the best players because they were throwing money around, and throwing money has been proven to give you a better chance of winning titles.

Villa fans either need to pray for a Middle Eastern takeover or for Stephen Ireland and several other players bought with the Milner money, to make up for his absence. All is not doom and gloom. They lost Gareth Barry and became a better team. If the transfer goes ahead it will leave a bitter taste with the fans but what sweeter revenge on Milner and City to finish above them?

A NEW SQUAD, SIL VOUS PLAIT

In the wake of French manager Laurent Blanc banning all 23 members of the World Cup squad from his August friendly against Norway I wondered how the England squad would look if Fabio Capello took such a measure.

Here's my squad**.** With the season close at hand it's worth seeing how many of these guys make the friendly against Hungary at Wembley. It could be a barometer of Capello's intent to give others a chance.

Goalkeepers – Chris Kirkland (Wigan), Paul Robinson (Blackburn), Ben Foster (Birmingham)

Defenders – Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United), Leighton Baines (Everton), Michael Mancienne (Chelsea), Micah Richards (Manchester City) , Kieran Gibbs (Arsenal), Gary Cahill (Bolton), Jonathan Woodgate (Tottenham), Phil Jagielka (Everton)

Midfielders – Jack Wilshere (Arsenal), Ashley Young (Aston Villa), Lee Cattermole (Sunderland), Tom Huddlestone (Tottenham), Scott Parker (West Ham), Stewart Downing (Aston Villa), Adam Johnson (Manchester City),

Strikers – Bobby Zamora (Fulham), Darren Bent (Sunderland), Gabriel Agbonlahor (Aston Villa), Nathan Delfouneso (Aston Villa), Theo Walcott (Arsenal)

CORRECTION: Last week I wrote that Liverpool had signed French striker Loic Remy. As I write he is still a Nice player. Serves me right for believing everything I read!

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LONDON CALLING

With Adam North in the UK

Will Arsenal challenge for the EPL Title?

Last season was reasonably successful for Arsenal Football Club, as they challenged for the Premier League title for much of the year, capped off with a decent run in the Champions League. But will the Gunners be able to challenge for the Premier League crown this time around?

As I have suggested, last season was fairly successful for the North London club, as they managed to challenge deep into the season for all major honours, doing so without spending a great deal of money in terms of transfers and wages when compared to their fellow title rivals. And with every season the young side that Arsenal possess can only get better, which they certainly proved by continually proving naysayers wrong.

However, as the new Premier League season edges ever closer, once again Arsenal are somewhat un-fancied in regards to their pursuit of English League glory, with many pundits already predicting that the league title will be contested by Manchester United and Chelsea only, with the Gunners being left behind to fight for third or fourth with the likes of Manchester City, Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool, and their bitter rivals Tottenham. But do Arsenal's fortunes next season lie with the likes of their main city rivals, or will they be able to once again prove many people wrong and seriously contend for top honours?

Of course much depends on whether they manage to keep their undoubted best player Cesc Fabregas. It seems that since the very first day after the Premier League season finished, young Cesc was on his way to Barcelona. It was news that every Arsenal fan dreaded, but ultimately expected, as Fabregas has never hidden his desire to once again play for the club of his youth.

And yet, the much expected transfer is still to take place, with the two clubs bartering over the price for one of the best midfielders in world football. On a side note, it is actually rather refreshing to see exactly how this whole saga has taken place, as all parties involved have conducted themselves admirably; displaying the class that they each undoubtedly possess.

After crunch talks meant Cesc Fabregas was to remain in London, the Spanish skipper hopes to spearhead Arsenal to their first EPL title since 2004.

From the Barcelona point of view, they want Cesc, but aren't willing to pay an extortionate amount, whereas Arsenal want what they feel is fair compensation for one of the stars of the Premier League. And Fabregas himself is to be commended, as although his desire to join the Spanish giants is abundantly obvious, he has also suggested that if he were to remain in London he would fully commit himself to the Arsenal cause. And he did well to look embarrassed when his fellow Spain players put a Barcelona shirt on him during their World Cup celebrations.

For me, if Arsenal are to compete for the title next season then they must keep hold of Fabregas, or at least bring in a big name replacement if he does go. In a league where the top teams aren't unbeatable, losing your best player makes a massive difference. Arsenal simply aren't as good without the young Spaniard, just as Chelsea are beatable without Drogba, and United can be stopped without Rooney. Fabregas pushes the Arsenal team around the pitch, and he is key to how they do in the league, at least for this upcoming season.

The Gunners do have some young talent that may be able to take his place, such as Jack Wilshere or Aaron Ramsay, yet it is still too soon for either to step into the role of playmaker and talisman, especially for Ramsay who still must overcome his injury problems.

Since Fabregas is still an Arsenal player right now, let's assume he will be pulling on the red shirt for the Gunners in the upcoming months. The question still remains though, can Arsenal compete?

Well, much like last season, I have to go against many pundits and suggest that Arsenal will be able to compete for the top prizes. They still have one of the best passing sides in the world, and they still are full of young talented players who on their day can beat any side put in front of them.

The Fabregas saga aside, Arsenal's transfer dealings have certainly been interesting. It looks like next season the Gunners will be without their former captain William Gallas, and also their underutilised striker Eduardo. Gallas is obviously the bigger miss, yet Arsene Wenger has brought in a man who he deems good enough to replace the argumentative Frenchman, a man by the name of Laurent Koscielny. Little is known about the relatively young defender, which isn't that unusual when it comes to Arsene Wenger signings. Encouragingly for Arsenal fans, Wenger is also apparently still in the market for another defender, which can only help to sure up what at times last season was an average defence.

And to add to this Wenger is seemingly also very interested in bringing in a new number one goalkeeper. Last season was fairly dire for Arsenal goalkeepers, as several mistakes and missed opportunities cost the Gunners big. So far it seems like Arsenal may get the Fulham and Australia keeper Mark Schwarzer, as they have already had an offer refused but are still looking into increasing their valuation of the big shot stopper. The Aussie was great last season, and would be a consistent presence in goal for Arsenal, something which they have lacked since they last won the title. If there is one area that their rivals have been head and shoulders better than the Gunners in the last few years it's in goal, and Wenger looks like he is finally looking to redress the balance.

Wenger has also brought in a striker, Marouane Chamakh from Bordeaux, who will look to bring an uncompromising presence to the Arsenal front line. Even with the plus six footer Bendtner in their line up, the Gunners have lacked a little muscle up front, and again Wenger seems to be addressing a weakness and making it better.

Although perhaps a shame that they couldn't get him, it should also encourage Gooners that Wenger passed up on signing Joe Cole. An undoubted talent, who would have fitted into the Arsenal style of play, Cole is over thirty, and has had little football over the last couple of seasons, so paying him more wages than most of your squad does not seem quite right. Cole may flourish at Liverpool, but it was still probably a good decision from Wenger to not over-pursue the Englishman.

Of course, even though it seems that Wenger is doing everything right, Arsenal still will be more or less the same team as last season, as will Chelsea and as will United. The Arsenal youngsters are continuing to get better, but I'm still left thinking that even with Fabregas staying, the Gunners are one or two players short of really contending. I do think that they will be in the top three, possibly even the top two, yet I believe that come to the crunch, as has been the case in the last few years, Arsenal will just come up a little short. However, as I have suggested previously in this very column, they will still be massively entertaining, they will remain one of the few clubs actually seeing a profit financially, and they still have a very bright future.

As a Gunner myself though, it would sure be nice to actually win something again.

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mailbag@goalweekly.com

To Whom It May Concern,
I refer to your article entitled: "Round of upsets greets SL1" by Aritro Abedin, page 31, Goal Weekly, Vol. 6, No.22, Monday 19th July 2010 - in reference to the quotation "There's 8 games left, and anyone can be there. From now on we've got to make sure there's no shagging, no fagging, and no night clubbing,..."

I find the direct quotation of this part of the statement to be very offensive, demeaning and derogative to various human social groups and activities in our general community.

In fact the choice of unedited words quoted are contravening the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act (1984) and at State level the Equal Opportunity Act (1995). The power of language and choice of words is a very powerful and influencing medium. In today's society printed media have a duty of care and ethical requirements to fulfill to its readership.

Your paper in regards to this article and this quotation has grossly fallen short of fulfilling these required standards.

I require your paper to give a public apology in its next edition to counteract this severe failure of linguistic editing.
Charlie Buttigieg.

Dear GW,
I refer to your article headed "ROUND OF UPSETS GREETS SL1" in particular the quotation which appears quoting "...no shagging, no fagging and no night clubbing..."

Being an avid football supporter and a regular Goal Weekly reader I must express my disappointment and concern at the lack of editing prowess shown by your editor.

Whilst I understand that the reporter is quoting an individual it surprises me that the editor would allow the use of the words such as "shagging" and "fagging". I find these words very demeaning and inappropriate to be used in any context because of their multi-layered meanings which could be misconstrued by various members of our community in particular the younger generation.
Yours in sport,
GM

Dear Readers,
In response to your letters, the buck ultimately stops with the editor and I take full responsibility for the inclusion of such comments in the publication. I also apologise for any offence it has obviously caused.

Whilst the comments in hindsight may not be deemed appropriate to appear in print, my understanding of the meaning of "fagging" in the context of that specific sentence referred to "smoking" and not to one's sexual preferences.

Nevertheless, a valid point has been raised in regards to the quality of journalism, and my only defence forthcoming is that under the pressure of trying to complete the publication on time to a bona fide running deadline, it is something that just 'slipped under the radar' in production.

If you are not aware, GW is basically produced by volunteers - myself included - and contrary to popular belief, we are not a full-time organisation that has the luxury of sub-editors and the like.

Regrettably, mistakes and errors will tend to occur every now and then in production, even though the reporter in this instance, Aritro Abedin, could argue that he was merely bringing you, the reader, exactly what the coach said that day – can't ask for more precise or thorough reporting than that.

Also, please keep in mind that all of our writers, contributors and photographers righteously do what they do on the weekends completely off their own bat – all in the name of football.

It would be great if the various federation bodies actually supported us a bit more, and then just maybe we could afford the time to bring you an even better product to fill the vaccuum for grass-roots football..

Anyway, I digress, but thank you for your support and the feedback. I embrace it like an 'away' goal deep into injury time that sends us through to the next round and knocks the home team out of the cup.

I really do appreciate you taking the time to voice your opinion - I just wish there were more fans out there like yourselves who could be bothered to do the same.
Yours in football,
Ed

Couch Potato Dept.

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CAR: Mate Grgic's Ford Falcon, pure class!
NICKNAME: Moucer
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Rochdale, Macclesfield, Dandenong city
REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: England U19s
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Robbie Fowler
FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER: Robbie Fowler
FAVOURITE HAL PLAYER: Don't want to bore u again but Robbie Fowler
FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO: Danny Tiatto
FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: None
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Scoring 2 against Fulham in the Worthington Cup
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN: Liverpool winning the Champions League after trailing 3:0 at half-time to AC Milan
MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED: A volley against Leyton Orient for Rochdale
EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY: Picking the ball up and costing us a penalty under 7s
FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Getting sacked for urinating in the car park at Macclesfield
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Watching England lose to Germany 4:1
WORST INJURY: Touch wood nothing serious just the usual knocks and bumps
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Pascal Chimbonda
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: John Cain Memorial - been their 10 times this season
SUPERSTITIONS: None, touch wood!
TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL: Beans on Toast or Toby Patterson's fry ups
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS: My finishing
WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Absolutely no right foot
FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING UP: Liverpool
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, Tennis, Horse Racing,
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Tiger Woods - legend
FAVOURITE FOODS: My Mum's roast dinners
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Sean Bean
HOBBIES: Playing poker
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Ibiza
FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT: Revolver
IDEAL DATE: Cheryl Cole
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Only Fools and Horses, Underbelly
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Depends what mood I'm in, I like a bit of everything
FAVOURITE FILM: When Saturday Comes
LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU BOUGHT: It has got to be a Melbourne Knights shirt
FUNNIEST RUMOUR YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT YOURSELF: That I like a drink ha ha
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Got to be my Mum and Dad, they have always backed me were ever I have played
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Warming up. Sorry, Paul Magdic.
FOOTBALL AMBITION: To help Melbourne Knights stay in the Premier League and to play on for as long as I can
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? : Nobody really. Doesn't interest me
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S VPL: Melbourne Knights
YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S HAL: Melbourne Victory

'Chatz' almost chucked it

By Craig MacKenzie

MICHAEL Chatzitrifonos sat on the Richmond bench during last year's 2–1 loss to Preston Lions at Connor Reserve convinced that it would be his last game in charge.

Richmond's head coach turned to assistant Huss Skenderovic and told him as much but Skenderovic told him not to quit adding that things could be sorted out.

"I was at my lowest point at the club. Preston hadn't won a game all year, was deep in the relegation zone and to be perfectly honest, the result flattered us," said Chatzitrifonos.

"Straight after the game I spoke to Helmut (Kalitzki, club president) privately and told him that I should step aside, that I thought that I had gone as far as I could with this playing group."

What eventuated next surprised Chatzitrifonos. Kalitzki, who has parted company with quite a few coaches during his lengthy time at the helm said bluntly that this was not the time or place to discuss such matters and arranged to meet him the following day.

What transpired at that meeting left an indelible impression upon Chatzitrifonos and the faith and resolve of Kalitzki to stick by his man is being rewarded right now with Richmond sitting proudly on top of the Victorian Premier League ladder.

"The meeting was remarkable. At a time when I was at my most vulnerable and fragile Helmut made me feel seven feet tall.

"He told me that he had complete confidence in me. He told me that if I wanted to revamp the playing group that that was my job so we started making some hard calls. And I mean hard. It was very unpleasant for me when we decided to end George Goutzioulis's contract because I had known the Goutzioulis family for years."

Chatzitrifonos had made the call leading into the 2009 season to add a hardcore, experienced edge to his squad but now he felt a need to change tack dramatically.

"We brought in young players to the squad and it invigorated the whole group."

At the end of last season Richmond CEO Sam Laverty sat down with Chatzitrifonos to talk about the future as well as conducting a debrief on the club's third-last finish.

From that meeting a vision espoused by Laverty has come to underpin the club's philosophy and it's one that Chatzitrifonos readily embraces.

"We have a plan to provide a platform for young players to develop. Players know that if they come to Richmond and show that they have the drive and ambition to succeed at a higher level then we will assist them in that aim," he said.

There also is a reservoir of coaching acumen at the club that is the envy of most. Eddie Krncevic, Savas Saglam, Jim Maclean, Don Maclaren and Dean Hennessy are just some of those involved at Richmond. They have plenty of overseas and local contacts to add to those of Chatzitrifonos and Laverty should an emerging talent be keen to strut their stuff on a greater stage.

Then there's the Heart connection. The head coach of Melbourne's newest A-League franchise, John van't Schip, is a regular at Richmond where his son, Davey, is in the first team squad.

Winners are grinners: Richmond Eagles coach Mike Chatzitrifonas with assistant coach, Huus Skenderovic, earlier in the season. PHOTO: PETER PSARROS

Laverty also told Chatzitrifonos at last year's end-of-season meeting that the coach wouldn't be judged solely on points accumulated during the 2010 campaign and position on the league ladder. He also would be judged on providing opportunities for young players to develop.

And right now Richmond has three players in the 26- to 29-year-old bracket with every other senior squad member under 24, the majority of those under 22.

"You really need that younger energy in your team and the ability to run for the full 90 minutes," said Chatzitrifonos.

"I've got wonderful support. Savas really has an eagle eye for young talent and Huss has been instrumental in our success so far. He has taken a workload off my shoulders and he deserves a lot of praise.

"There are a lot of people involved in what we are trying to do and each and every one them deserves credit. I truly think that there are wonderful times ahead for this club."

But coaching success is not new to the former Heidelberg United custodian. He tasted it with Oakleigh and Western Suburbs en route to Kevin Bartlett Reserve.

The Chatzitrifonos story can be traced back to his Greek migrant parents who like so many from that Mediterranean country arrived in Melbourne in the 1960s.

His father, who passed away a few years ago, was instrumental in introducing his son to football. His dad was a Heidelberg fanatic and took the young Chatzitrifonos to watch his beloved Alexander, as the club previously was known and still is among traditionalists.

"I grew up becoming a Heidelberg fan and started playing in goal for the juniors when I was 12. I made my debut for the reserves when I was 16 and ended up understudying Yakka Banovic and Jeff Olver," he said.

Chatzitrifonos made his Heidelberg senior debut in a 1987 pre-season competition at the age of 18 and called a halt to his playing career at the end of the 2002 season as Westvale's custodian in Division One.

"I'd been assisting Ange Goutzioulis that season and partway through the campaign big Aki (Ionnas) tried to get both of us to move to Oakleigh but we knocked him back."

At the end of the 2002 season Ionnas met with Chatzitrifonos and again tried to tempt him to take the coaching reins. This time he agreed.

"It was a big risk for Oakleigh but I felt I knew what was required. We went out early and signed Alex Kiratzoglou and he was a big signing for us. So were Ange Goutzioulis and Juan Nilo."

> "In the end it was a hard lesson to learn but an invaluable one. Just when I needed the support of the board they turned their back on me. Not Jim though. He stayed true to his word all the time. He even paid me out for the rest of the year from his own pocket.

Oakleigh romped home in the title race five points clear of runner-up Knox City and reclaimed its Premier League status.

"That's when the club was reborn in my eyes," said Chatzitrifonos. "We hadn't just assembled a strong unit we had assembled a great bunch of people and everything went to plan.

"Take nothing away from Aki because he was an important part of it all but I also give great credit to president Jim Neofytou who really got things moving off the park."

The following season Oakleigh finished second to Green Gully but bowed out of the finals campaign with successive losses. While the club was delighted to have re-established itself as a power among Victorian football's elite, the bar had been raised now and anything less than winning the Grand Final in season 2005 would be viewed as failure by some at the club.

It was to be a tough lesson for Chatzitrifonos.

"I got fired after a round seven loss (2–1) away to Altona Magic and to be honest the way it was done left a pretty bad taste in my mouth.

"Jim (Neofytou) phoned me on Monday morning after that loss to say that there was a board meeting that night and he couldn't guarantee that I'd stay in the job. I eventually got a phone call round about midnight to tell me that I didn't have the support of the board and that I was fired. Jim stuck by me but other people who wouldn't have a clue about what was going on with the team voted against me.

"In the end it was a hard lesson to learn but an invaluable one. Just when I needed the support of the board they turned their back on me. Not Jim though. He stayed true to his word all the time. He even paid me out for the rest of the year from his own pocket.

"I was gutted. Me and my partner headed off for Queensland to get away from it all."

But Chatzitrifonos couldn't stay away from football for long. He'd quickly earned a reputation as one of the most promising coaches in Victoria and one of his admirers was Western Suburbs president Jimmy Condilis.

"It was a real challenge for me to take on the Suburbs job and try and get the club into the top league which it had failed to achieve in 25 years. There were parallels with Oakleigh at the start in that the club was in disarray and there was unrest among the players.

"But the two years I had there (2006 and 2007) rate among the best of my coaching career. We won the Division One title in my first season and only added two players – James Stefanou and Igor Khrapko – to our squad going into the 2007 VPL."

"I think I really grew as a coach at Suburbs. There was no chequebook to wave about so it was a different experience for me.

"Everyone wrote us off in 2007. They all said that we were certainties to go back down. Fair enough we didn't win our first game until we beat Kingston at home in round seven or eight but then we beat Richmond and that set the wheels in motion.

"Then we stuttered a bit again and after losing 5–0 to the Knights we were second bottom with nine games to go.

"Things looked bad but we rallied the boys together and from that point on we didn't lose a game and eventually finished eighth.

"I rank that as one of the greatest achievements of my coaching career. We didn't have the quality of many other teams at that level but we had a superb work ethic."

No-one epitomised that work ethic more than Terry Antoniadis who finished the season on a high after winning the Gold Medal as the best player in the VPL.

No sooner had the 2007 season ended than Richmond sacked Dougie Hodgson and next day Laverty phoned Chatzitrifonos and arranged a meeting at which the senior coaching job was offered. He accepted.

"It was really hard to leave Suburbs because I got on so well with the players but I felt that to develop my career Richmond was the next step."

Once again Chatzitrifonos tasted success in his first season at his new home, guiding Richmond into the VPL finals in 2008 for the first time in the club's history.

At the conclusion of that campaign rumours circulated that Kalitzki was going to step down as president and that had an unsettling effect on the club. To what extent, if any, that played in Richmond's disappointing 2009 season will never be known but Chatzitrifonos has no interest in glancing over his shoulder at the past.

His main football focus now is where this 2010 journey will take him and his players. There are just three games to go before the finals series starts but Chatzitrifonos won't get drawn into talking about finals just yet.

"We made a pact recently that we're not going to talk about finals and we're not going to talk about finishing on top and since then we've done well. We did that because we felt that maybe the group was starting to feel the weight of expectation and pressure on them.

"Let's just see where this thing takes us. That's the way we are all approaching things right now."

If things work out in Richmond's favour it won't just be testament to the coaching ability of Chatzitrifonos and the playing ability of his squad. It also will be a personal highlight for Kalitzki and complete vindication of his courageous decision last season not to dump his senior coach when the opportunity presented itself.

Serbia

Partizan Belgrade will take on Finish Champions in the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League following a 4:1 aggregate win over Armenia's finest Pyunik. Brazilian Cleo scored a screamer in the second leg which was enough for the black and whites to claim two victories in two matches.

Partizan has strengthened its squad after signing former captain Milan Smiljanic from Espanyol. Smiljanic known as 'Lola' had two forgettable seasons with the Primer Liga side and will now hope to revive his career and help his club qualify for the Group Stages.

Spartak Subotica and OFK Beograd both won to earn two matches against Europes hotter teams. Spartak will face Ukrainian side Dnjepar while OFK will take on Turkish giants Galatasaray. Red Star kicks off its campaign against Slovakia's Slovan Bratislava.

Vidic re-signs with United

Alex Kolarov signs with City

Smiljanic returns from Espanyol

Nemanja Vidic penned a new three year deal worth 18 million pounds with Manchester United confiriming his loyalty with the English club. He has been constantly linked with moves to Real Madrid, Barcelona and AC Milan. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is delighted to have Vidic remaining at Old Trafford.

Left Back Aleksandar Kolarov finally signed for Manchester City in a deal worth 16 million pounds. Kolarov impressed for Italian side Lazio, quickly becoming one of the leagues better players. Manager Roberto Mancini couldn't hide his delight with the capture of the young Serb.

"I first saw Kolarov in his Lazio debut back in 2007. I was impressed by the speed and strength of someone so young. He was composed on the ball had an excellent delivery with his left foot and was technically very able. I have watched him a lot since then and so have the Manchester City scouts. His attacking capability is very good. He is fast and can shoot with power and accuracy.

"He also has the ability to play in numerous positions and is very good in midfield. This is an additional benefit to the team. He has a fantastic international career ahead of him. I am looking forward to working with him." The Italian said reports The Sun.

Croatia

Dinamo Zagreb was one goal way from being sensationally knocked out of the Champions League. They lost the second leg to Slovenian Champions FK Koper 3:0, having won the first leg in Zagreb 5:1.

It was one of Dinamo's worst outings in European football and they can consider themselves fortunate to still be in the competition. They will take on Moldova's FC Sheriff on the 28th.

It was a bad week for Croatian sides in continental football as Sibenik and Cibalia were both knocked out. Sibenik had a 2:0 lead from the first match against Cypriot side Anorothisis but they were beaten 3:0 at home, crashing out of the competition which lead to the departure of their manager.

Last minute shopping sprees

Only a few weeks remain till the commencement of many of the major European leagues and as a result the transfer window is gradually closing for many clubs, but this is not stopping some Managers from completing last minute signings and bids.

Since May, the most prominent and ongoing bidding war between two clubs, Arsenal and Barcelona, has concerned that of Spanish midfielder **Cesc Fabregas.**

Barcelona President Sandro Rosell said that his club will not be bullied into paying more than £42.7 million for the midfielder and was reluctant to consider a £40 million bid. As a result the deal is looking less and less as there have been no further offers for the Spaniard.

However, Fabregas has reportedly handed in a transfer request to the Arsenal board to make his dream return to Barcelona come to fruition.

Newly signed Barcelona striker David Villa has come out this week to say Fabregas would make a fine installment for the team, complementing Hernandez and Iniesta in the middle and that he himself will score more goals with 23 year-old there.

If Arsenal finally surrenders Fabregas to the Spanish giants it could spell attacking disaster for the start of the 2010/2011 season, with 27 year-old Brazilian born-Croatian international **Eduardo** quitting Arsenal for Ukranian giants Shakhtar Donetsk on a four-year deal for £6 million. This tripled with the fact that **Robin van Persie** will miss out on the first weeks of the season with an ankle injury he sustained in a pre-World Cup friendly against Italy.

Arsene Wegner is now interested in £10 million German defender **Per Mertesacker** considering the fact he needs reinforcements for **William Gallas** and **Mikael Silvestre**. Also, negotiations for Everton defender **Phil Jagielka** fell out after a £15 million bid was rejected by the Toffees last week.

Eduardo: Moves to Russia.

Adebayor: Heading to Italy?

Joe Cole: Signs with Liverpool

Balotelli: On City's shopping list

At Anfield some loose ends have finally been tied up, with a couple of players signing on the dotted line this week after much ongoing speculation. Ex-Standard Liege striker, **Milan Jovanovic** has officially signed for Liverpool this week on a free transfer after being made a free agent by the Belgian giants.

Also, ex-Chelsea midfielder **Joe Cole** has completed a four-year, £90,000 a week deal with Liverpool. It was reported that he was looked at by Manchester United and was a surprise pick-up for Liverpool, but the fact English teammate **Steven Gerrard** will stay at the Reds pushed him over to Liverpool in the end.

The midfield versatility of Cole will be a good replacement for 28 year-old Liverpool left-winger **Albert Riera** who joined Olympiacos this week.

He was presented to fans and the media who welcomed him to the Athens club. Reports claim the deal is worth £3.3 million and he has signed for four years. His younger brother Llorenc "Sito" Riera also plays for Panionios in Greece, making for an interesting game when the two teams meet this season.

Liverpool midfielder **Javier Mascherano** has announced his interest in transferring to Inter Milan to return to Rafa Benitez. The Reds are willing to sell Mascherano to Inter Milan for £30 million, although Inter have fallen well short of this valuation, offering only £20 million.

Liverpool are also looking very likely to swipe up 26 year-old **Klaas Jan Huntelaar** on loan from AC Milan, but with Manchester United and City also showing interest in the Dutch striker, this may be difficult. If he was to move to Anfield it may be likely that **Ryan Babel** may move the other way, to the Rossoneri.

At Manchester City, the endless expedition for player signatures has continued this week with the signing of Serbian defender **Aleksander Kolarov**. The Lazio left-back passed a medical in Manchester this week and a £14.1 million five-year deal has been made.

Also at Eastlands, the Sky Blues have put in a final £24 million offer for Aston Villa midfielder **James Milner**, well short of Villa's £30 valuation. City have therefore left the ball in Villa's court, however Villa have claimed that they would sell the England international if City meet their valuation.

The three-way bidding war between the Manchester duo and Chelsea for Italian under 21 international **Mario Balotelli** has lost its intensity this week. The future for Balotelli at Inter Milan will be decided next week, and according to his agent that future looks to be at Manchester City, whose bank account appears to be bottomless.

The deal is not likely to be made this weekend, but on Monday or Tuesday as the clubs discuss terms. The Nerrazzurri have placed a £30 price tag on the Italian born-Ghanaian, which has been met by a £23 million offer from City at the moment.

In the Serie A underachieving powerhouse Juventus are interested in Wolfsburg striker **Edin Dzeko**, who have offered €30 million, short of Wolfburg's €40m price tag. Should such a deal not eventuate, Juventus will attempt to lure **Adebayor** on a loan deal for the season and pay him around €5.5m in wages.

In return the Old Lady are willing to offer **Mohammed Sissoko** as part of the deal for Adebayor their focus to Manchester City striker Emmanuel Adebayor

Some final rumours in Europe surround Chelsea, who appear to be making some late bids for Benfica and Brazilian pair **Ramires** and **David Luiz.**

Chelsea are have made a £20million bid for midfielder Ramires as Carlo Ancelotti searches for a replacement for Michael Ballack and Joe Cole. The second of the pair, David Luiz is also of speculation for a Chelsea transfer, in a Benfica double transfer. The Blues have offered £27 million for Luiz.

Chelsea are also keen to sign Brazilian teenage striker **Neymar** for £25 million from Santos, making him the world's most expensive teenager.

At Old Trafford, central defender **Nemanja Vidic** has agreed a new long-term deal with the Red Devils. The 28 year-old is on holiday but will sign the papers on his return to Old Trafford. It was rumoured he was leaving the 18-time English Premier League champions but will stay on for a few more seasons.

Pim and Purge

By Con Stamocostas

After two International tournaments were the Olyroos and Socceroos failed to get out of the group stage at the Olympics and at the World Cup it's time to Purge Australian football of this safety first nonsense that has infected Australian football.

While the Olympics debacle has long been forgotten the World Cup campaign is still fresh in the mind. On both of these occasions the men in charge Graham Arnold and Pim Verbeek both got the same tatto. In show of fraternity the words " Erring on the side of caution" can been seen on both their upper arms.

It can be seen in the players they chose in their squads, it can be seen in their tactics on the field, it can be seen in their fashion sense, the way they speak and finally the way they walk. And the walk away from the National team of both men can only embolden football to take that caution and throw it to the wind

Pim Verbeek's Socceroos coaching story can be easily written with his first and last game that he coached..

His first game the Socceroos was against Qatar. Pim played a 4 4 2 with a diamond midfield. In attack we had Scott Mc Donald, Josh Kennedy, Mark Bresciano and Tim Cahill as our main attacking weapons. Never again would we see that formation again. It was not till the last game against Serbia with the score 0-0 that Pim through caution to the wind. The beginning and the end were positive, aggressive and undeniably Australian. While the middle had a gooey runny centre that Mat Preston from Masterchef (you gotta know it to mock it) would call his coaching style: bland, flavourless, lacking in texture and born from a lack of technique.

After the 2006 World Cup exploits the Sooceroos got cautious. Guss Hiddink by nature was a risk taker. Verbeek and Arnold were not.

The memory of the Olympics still burns me. Of course I should let it go but I have Greek heritage and besides food I love holding grudges even more. You can see it in the bulge in my back and the weird expression in my face when it's set to neutral.

I bring up the Olympics because Nathan Burns is coming to Australia with his AEK Athens team to play in this week's Sydney Festival of football. No player has suffered more from this cautions Australia than Nathan Burns. The next big thing in Australian football was left out of the Olympics squad because Graham Arnold though that the kid born in the NSW town of Orange could not run in the heat. Ahhh..... that cautions coaching kicking in again, even the excuses were cautious. It would be very intriguing to see how Nathan has developed in Europe since he left Adelaide United in 2008.

So who will be the next man in the Socceroos hot seat? I don't care as long as the balance swings away from the dull pragmatic tactics that hid the best qualities that Australian sport has to offer. Having an Aussie go!!!

(The term UN-Australian was hoping to be used in this article but due to the rampant over use of the term during and after the World Cup it has taken a break due to the National Election being announced. It hopes it can be seen and heard during the Asian Cup regardless of the nationality of the coach)

Woulda, shoulda, coulda, but didn't: Time or tide waits for no man, so take heed of the moment for it shall never pass again. And next time, just have a go ya mugs!!

Kalac farewells his beloved Sydney United

By Michael Chammas

In a fairytale finish to his illustrious career, Zeljko Kalac put on the gloves for one last time last Sunday at the ground where it all began.

The Socceroos legend, who bid farewell to the United faithful in his last game at Sydney United Sports Centre, showed glimpses of the form from his heyday in Sydney United's 2-0 loss to the Newcastle Jets.

Australian football icons Craig Moore, Ante Milicic, Mark Rudan and Tony Popovic all put on the famous red jersey to send "Spider" out in style in front of a 3000 strong crowd at Edensor Park.

The two metre giant said he was overwhelmed by the turnout and was honoured to end his football career in front of his friends and family.

"This is where it all started, so to come back and finish here is fantastic," he said.

"It was great to see so many people back at this fantastic stadium.

"I couldn't have asked for a better day to go out."

When the game finally began, it didn't take long for the main attraction to leave his imprint on the game, denying Labinot Haliti from close range with a brilliant save low to his left.

But there was very little the United legend could do when a beautifully weighted pass from Adam D'Apuzzo found a charging Jeremy Brockie.

The No.14 did well to get behind the Reds defence, laying the ball back to an unmarked Ali Abbas who slotted home from the far post.

The Jets were making inroads on their opponents and were creating several opportunities up front.

Ben Kantarovski turned several defenders on his road to setting up Michael Bridges, but despite being one-on-one with the Englishman, Kalac again proved difficult to crack.

But the veteran keeper soon made his first blunder of the afternoon, misreading a long ball from Adam D'Apuzzo, allowing Jeremy Brockie to run behind him and head home the Jets' second of the match.

Craig Moore and Mark Rudan made an early exit from the match, earning a heroes send off when they left the field moments before half time.

The Jets made several changes for the second period, allowing the likes of Sasho Petrovski and Jobe Wheelhouse to make their way on to United Sports Centre for the first time.

Two of the three remaining United legends, Ante Milicic and Tony Popovic, both called it a night just after half time.

It took more than an hour, but United finally made Jets keeper Ben Kennedy work.

A curling shot from Michael Cindric looked destined to reduce the deficit to one, but Kennedy's diving save to his left kept United at bay.

Despite pleasing the crowd with several saves, the biggest cheer of the night came when Kalac departed his beloved field for the last time, receiving a standing ovation as he farewelled the crowd in the 73' minute.

Luka Glavas was given a short stint in the second half and could have opened the account, but Kennedy was again called into the action and thwarted Glavas' long range effort.

While the Jets were impressive in their two-goal, the day belonged to Kalac.

The 37-year-old admitted he was sore after the match, and said his decision to retire came at the right time.

"My feet are killing me because that was the hardest goal mouth I've ever played on in my life," he said.

"I don't miss it at the moment because I made the right decision to stop at the top.

"I probably would have been disappointed had I have walked away when things went bad."

"When the body says no more you can't fight against it."

Full circle: Zeljko Kalac takes the field in Sydney United colours for one last time along with Tony Popovic, Craig Moore, Ante Milicic and Mark Rudan. PHOTO: Courtesy FNSW/CARLOS FURTADO

Match Stats

Sydney United 0
Newcastle Jets 2 (Ali Abbas, Jeremy Brockie)

Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre, Edensor Park
Sunday, July 18, 2010
Crowd: Approx 3000.

Sydney United: 1.Zeljko Kalac, 5.Damon Collina, 3.Craig Moore, 4.Tony Popovic, 21.Mark Rudan, 8.Shane Lyons, 7.Ivo Bosnar, 2.Mitchel Thompson, 39.Kyle Ewart, 10.Ante Milicic, 16.Elsid Barkhousir

Substitutes: Petar Markovic, Luka Glavas, Mitchell Spears, Peter Zorbas, Tommy Cirjak, Sean Mitchell, Michael Cindric, Joe Vrkic, Ryan Norval, Steven Veleski
Yellow Cards: Nil
Red Cards: Nil

Newcastle Jets: 1.Ben Kennedy, 21.Brodie Mooy, 3.Adam D'Apuzzo, 4.Nikolai Topor-Stanley, 5.Ljubo Milicevic, 7.Kasey Wehrman, 6.Ben Kantarovski, 8.Michael Bridges, 16.Jeremy Brockie, 14.Labinot Haliti, 19.Ali Abbas

Substitutes: 2.Taylor Regan, 10.Ruben Zadkovich, 12.Jobe Wheelhouse, 13.Sasho Petrovski, 17.Marcello Fiorentini, 18.Marko Jesic, 22.Kaz Patafta, 28.Mario Simic, 30.Paul Henderson
Yellow Cards: Nil
Red Cards: Nil

Shark Tales: The junior fees that ate Australian soccer's future

By Phil Gerald

The stands of Marconi's stadium were an inspired choice of venue for SBS's *Insight* program's recent excursion into grassroots soccer. If you hang around Marconi long enough everything wrong with Australian grassroots soccer will eventually parade itself before your eyes.

In the vanguard of this procession was the Project Kid, the precociously talented child with plenty of opinions about how and why Australian soccer is failing a player of his quality.

Project Kid's dad, clearly a good listener, agreed wholeheartedly with the boy. After all, European football is played in Europe and Australia is not Europe, and that is a big problem for Australian soccer as it loses all its talent overseas. Project Kid is therefore heading overseas, which he wouldn't have to do if we were in Europe. So what is Australian soccer going to do about *that*? At least New South Wales has mandatory reporting, I thought to myself.

Project Kid's problems were the cue to drag into the discussion the high performance coach, the technical director and the private academy operator who was happy to admit he also acts as a player agent. What have they got to say for themselves? Why are they forcing Project Kid overseas?

The ensuing discussion about the numerous initiatives Australian soccer has in the pipeline to address its shortcomings as a stairway to a professional heaven told us one very important thing about grassroots soccer's health; we can't even discuss grassroots soccer's health without the game's professional tail wagging the dog.

Still, their point was well made. Australian soccer, by the reckoning of those who should know best, is absolutely bloody hopeless at developing junior soccer talent for the purposes of a professional career; absolutely hopeless. You got that? *Absolutely hopeless.*

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Eventually a question came about why soccer is so expensive for kids to play in Australia.

"To register a player to play at Marconi or a similar club," the program presenter said, "it costs about $1,500 a season. That sounds like a huge amount of money."

The camera swung to Marconi chairman, Vince Foti.

Foti is the acting Marconi chairman after his predecessor, former Fairfield mayor Tony Campolongo, stood down in the wake of media reports that the club was in financial difficulties. Soon after Campolongo's departure, allegations came from within the club that club-appointed investigators had found—take a breath now—proceeds of a club raffle had been paid into the bank account of a former CEO whose son was the licensee of a hotel formerly owned by Mr Campolongo that had billed its cool-room renovations to Marconi. By Marconi's own reckoning, it has been haemorrhaging money.

So what about Marconi's junior fees then?

"Our current fees are $1,500. However, there is other clubs that are charging quite substantially more than that."

"So why is the cost so great?" the presenter asked. "What are they paying for?"

"Well, we have the – of course, the coaches, the infrastructure, the necessary trophies, end-of-season activities and so on and apart from that, there is no moneys to be paid for the season."

If, as Mr Foti says, other soccer clubs are charging kids *substantially* more than Marconi, presumably those other clubs have even better coaches, trophies and infrastructure than Marconi, and maybe some cool-rooms too.

Footing the bill: Parents seem to need deeper pockets each season in order to cover the cost of juniors playing soccer. But where's all the money going?

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Next up was a parent who had been faced with a soft-core version of Sophie's choice: Which son does the family invest in?

"Both my boys were playing soccer … I just can't afford to have both of them playing it … club registration can be $1800 … if he does an academy, he does his Westfield fees as well … anywhere between $3,500-$5,000 a year just to play soccer in Australia."

"Why isn't it free?" the presenter wondered. And over we went to the CEO of Football Federation Australia, Ben Buckley in Johannesburg.

"Now, I don't understand exactly what the costs that were referred to were made up of …"

Let's go through it again for Ben. That's club football at $1500 or $1800 a season—plus academy fees, plus God knows what other costs that are heaped on juniors with potential by a system that is deemed by insiders to be absolutely hopeless at developing juniors with potential.

If it was the cola wars and Pepsi's HQ was unaware that its retailers were adding a zero to Pepsi's RRP, I would put my money on Coke.

"What I can say is that as we grow as a sport," Buckley said somewhat optimistically for a bloke riding a dead horse, "and as we develop more income through corporate sponsorship, TV broadcasting rights, all the various elements that make up our income, ultimately over time we would see some of that funding flow down through the system so that the cost of participation reduced."

Ultimately, over time; just you wait. When Australia gets up a professional soccer league that's worth a couple of hundred million dollars in media rights annually, FFA will be in a good position to do something about club soccer being unaffordable. And in the meantime, kids growing up in Africa will have more opportunities to play soccer than kids in Australia.

It's a fine plan isn't it? Kids who cannot afford to play soccer in Australia now can go and play footy and rugby league and golf instead, all of which are much cheaper to play than soccer, but when they grow up, despite any lingering resentment about being barred from playing soccer on financial grounds when they were kids, FFA is counting on them becoming passionate soccer supporters who will pour lots of money into the game. Presumably they will have watched the World Cup a few times and grown deeply attached to the A-League. No wonder they get in people on huge salaries to look after these things.

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In 2008, former Socceroo Craig Foster weighed into the fees debate: "… the culture of greed still exists, and Lord help any parent whose child is persuaded to attend numerous camps, programs and costly overseas tours all in the name of 'development', with some parents forking out anywhere from $10,000 to $20,000 per year."

Foster's criticism drew a furious response from Football NSW at the time but little looks to have changed. A 2009 Football NSW investigation found inner-Sydney clubs were charging juniors up to $1750 a season, up from around $500 a few years earlier.

In 2010, Football NSW says the investigation is ongoing and it is "working with clubs to reach a resolution however a total review of football competitions in this state will be assessed with a detailed report coming out by the end of the year." That is, don't hold your breath until anything changes.

While Marconi is charging kids $1500 and justifying itself on the grounds that other NSW clubs charge "significantly more", down in Victoria the ex-NSL clubs are charging kids up to $1000 a season for club soccer. Victorian clubs justify themselves by pointing to NSW clubs, who are much, much worse. That's leadership for you.

The father of one 14 year-old player who represented Victoria last year says he paid $900 to a club over winter, another $500 to a regional representative club over summer, a $300 fee when their son made the 26-player state squad and then a $700 "train-on" fee, and a $2500 coup de grace when his son made the final cut.

According to that father, as the costs mounted kids progressively dropped out and were replaced by less talented kids with the financial means to stay involved.

He says he knows of kids who are better players than his son or anyone else in the state squad but they are playing footy because their families can't afford soccer: "The most talented juniors in Victoria probably don't even play organised soccer. The club fees make sure of that."

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Is it Ben Buckley's fault that Australian soccer has become so expensive for kids to play?

Buckley might be guilty of not having his finger on the pulse but he is not the game's heartbeat; that particular rhythm is pounded out by the soccer community itself, or more accurately, those who profess to lead it.

For junior soccer in Australia to have become so expensive has required the quiet complicity of literally thousands of soccer insiders whose skills, experience and wisdom obviously wouldn't earn them a Euro in a mature soccer market—remember, Australian junior development, according to those responsible for it, is absolutely hopeless.

The upshot of a few thousand "passionate" soccer people taking "petrol money" out of the game is a landscape filled with soccer clubs that regularly demand from kids four, five and ten-fold what nearby footy and rugby league clubs are asking.

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Multitudes of kids have flocked to the game in recent years and promptly bailed out again. Who could blame them when soccer clubs' fees are often predicated on the notion that soccer is less a sport than a vocational pathway. Why, when they are no longer a realistic chance of ever playing soccer professionally, why would they bother wasting their time, energy and the family fortune on playing it in Australia? Why continue paying exorbitant fees to a trade school you will never graduate from?

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The midgets who have flooded into the game in recent years are not just Australian soccer's future, they also happens to be game's present funding apparatus. Thus, it doesn't take a lot of imagination to see where Australian soccer is going to find itself in a few years.

The state federations presently collect around $20 million from junior players' registration fees annually. But with some soccer clubs charging kids up to 40- and 50-fold the basic junior registration and insurance fee to pull on a jersey, clubs are collecting from those same juniors at least a *couple of hundred million dollars a year*, and almost certainly much more. There is not a lot to show for that money though. Junior soccer development in these parts is, as we have heard, absolutely hopeless; most kids never see a flat pitch let alone a coach who values player development ahead of their own win-loss ratio.

No wonder soccer club powerbrokers prefer to compare their clubs' junior fees with other soccer clubs. Comparing them with other team-sports fees would inevitably lead to calls for an ATO investigation or maybe even a Royal Commission. Where does all that money go?

Senior teams' entry fees, player payments, the state federations' operations, shonky remunerated junior coaches, even shonkier academy profiteers and maybe even the alleged cool-room renovations in a country pub; nearly all of those can be traced back to the pockets of juniors' parents.

Having adopted a business model that looks for all the world like a pyramid-selling scheme with the bottom rung footing most of the bills, it is just a matter of time before the maths kick in and the junior participation numbers begin to contract. It won't be pretty, and particularly so if the clubs and the sharks surrounding them respond true-to-form to the football recession and try to maintain their incomes by jacking up their fees even higher. Then we can just nail the lid on.

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How do you kill a goose that lays golden eggs?

Catch a cab and ask the driver, he will be a former tennis coach. He will have worked for a few suburban clubs, had an academy on the side and been a pretty big wheel in the junior development pathway back in the days after junior tennis turned pro and before it promptly collapsed. The driver will be able to tell you exactly what happens to a game when it forgets it is a sport and comes to believe it is a branch of the sports-biz industry.

A lot of cab drivers who jumped on the soccer bandwagon in recent years and rebadged themselves as "soccer professionals" will soon be back where they belong working a two-way and meter; boom and bust—that's how it goes. And Australian soccer will be back at the drawing board trying to think up a way to establish soccer here as the mass participation sport it needs to be before it can entertain infantile fantasies about having to reap massive media rights deals *before* it can make the game affordable to kids.

Soccer clubs will reap what they sew. If they don't give enough of a stuff about the community they operate in to give that community's kids a fair go at playing soccer, they can't expect a community to identify with and support their soccer club.

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As our financially voracious soccer clubs and coaches will tell you, they're terrific clubs and coaches and they really know their stuff about junior development which is why they charge like wounded bulls. It is not their fault that Australian domestic soccer is not very good—we just haven't got the cattle.

And whose fault is it that the cattle are choosing to play other sports?

All moral and community considerations to one side—which is where many soccer clubs prefer them—it is incredibly self-defeating for soccer to be unaffordable for any kid who wants to play. Spiralling entry-level costs over the last seven or eight years have already saddled Australian soccer with a shallower talent pool in the future.

For Australian soccer to get out of this one intact would require a seismic cultural shift in the moral codes of literally thousands of insiders—they know who they are— whose bank accounts have grown a little bit healthier in recent years due to their soccer connections. They can do what it takes to make soccer the mass participation sport it needs to be to survive in Australia, or they can continue taking "petrol money" and surf the soccer boom all the way to the reef.

KRNCEVIC'S CRUNCHLINES

With Eddie Krncevic

Australian soccer legend, Eddie Krncevic represented the Socceroos 35 times and scored 17 goals. He played professionally in Europe for Dimano Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege, Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium.

7 Ways to Improve a Premier League Club

Greetings football fans and welcome to another dose of Krncevic's Crunchlines.

This week, I've got a monster for you.

I'm going to air some of my thoughts and views on how I believe we can improve Premier League clubs.

I would like to stress that before I begin, this is not an attack nor is it an indictment on the army of people who put in tireless amounts of hours, more often in a voluntary capacity, to try and sustain the survival of existing clubs.

We all know how much effort goes on behind the scenes to run a club, but my column this week is basically to highlight some ideas and provide some food for thought which I think might actually assist clubs to work smarter and not harder.

1.Reduce the playing wage bill

What price success? Considering the VPL prize money for the winner is $30,000, $15,000(2nd place), $8,000 (3rd), $4,000 (4th) and $3,000 (5th), is it really worth it? Is the prize money proportional to the match payments?

Do your sums. Conservatively, if players receive an average of $500 a game, does that mean the club needs approximately $6000 a week just for the first team to take the field?

That's not including coaching staff and overheads. With 22 rounds in the season, does that mean it costs a club, conservatively speaking once again, approximately $132,000 to service the team? So how does winning $30,000 warrant the expenditure???

Relying on 11 home games and a smattering of sponsorship to finance the club means that clubs are walking a fine financial line.

I say do away with such inflated match payments, and rather pour the savings back into improving the facilities of the club.

Instead of the money walking out the door after 90 minutes, imagine how many things the money could be better spent on around the club.

A fresh lick of paint; better equipment for the players; fix and improve the presentation of the facilities; the list can go on and on.

By improving the comfort of the spectators and visitors alike; people who bring actual custom to the ground which contributes monetarily to the survival of clubs; it would entice and encourage punters to repeat their custom each time they return to the club - be it spectators, supporters, parents and players.

In all due respect to our current crop of clubs, but some of our venues look like they've just walked off the set from a Mad Max movie.

We all know the VPL is not the EPL, so match payments are not a feasible long term investment and cannot be justified at their current level.

The prize money on offer doesn't warrant the current market rate for a VPL match payment and it is actually crippling the clubs who try and keep up with each other, whilst the club deteriorates in other areas.

Instead, the money could be best utilised elsewhere for long term projects.

For it to work, clubs would need to be transparent to each other and sign a heads of agreement which abides them to what is effectively a salary cap.

If clubs were true and faithful to the long term objectives it would create a larger cash flow for which the funds should be better utilised for purposes to improve the club.

This would also release the pressure of continuously seeking sponsorship or the financial assistance from sole business people that are associated with the club, and people who are forever asked to dip into their own pockets.

The clubs need to work together to implement the strategy and regain the bargaining power.

Every club has to play within the rules and be genuinely committed if successful steps were to be made to achieve the bigger picture.

The players will obviously not be fans of this concept, but it's a case of one step backwards, to go two steps forwards. Greater rewards will be reaped further down the track if clubs had the guts to take this action now.

2.Create a Football Day

This might be a bit difficult to implement, depending on ground availability and the numbers of registered juniors at any one club, but in theory this essentially is a good idea.

Mike Lilikakis aka Tsigan's Tsigar touched on this matter in one of his columns some time ago, but it really needs to be considered seriously.

Why don't clubs have all their juniors play at home on the same day as their seniors?

Have the whole club playing at home on the same day. Start the youngest juniors games at 9am and work your way through the ranks until it climaxes with the main game of the day - the seniors playing at 3pm.

With everyone unified at the club on the same day it creates a buzz on match day, a sense of familiarity and belonging, will probably add more on the gate, and not to mention the saving of energy and effort.

The canteen and bar could do a roaring trade due to the increase of foot traffic, and orders for supplies could be streamlined to one big order, saving double handling of hot dog rolls, drinks and the like.

Make a real day of it. Create an event. Get a Jumping Castle and have face painting for the kids. Have the seniors come and watch the juniors. Perhaps even have them award a man of the match at the end of their game.

Alternatively, why aren't juniors involved as mascots, ball boys etc etc for the senior game. It's about getting everyone involved and creating a real buzz around the ground on match day. This will help the kids to recognise the players and be familiar with who is playing in the team.

Clubs need to create identities and role models with which juniors players from the same club can identify with. This in turn gives the juniors the impetus to want to emulate their heroes and strive to represent the club and play in the first team.

3.Develop strong community links

Another one that would be difficult to execute given the part-time aspect of players and volunteer associated with clubs, but essentially the clubs have to be seen and create a real presence within the community.

Organise soccer clinics at local schools within the club's vicinity. Even if the seniors aren't available to attend and represent the club, then rotate the attendees between reserve players and youth team or under 18 team members.

It is an integral part of building relationships and recognition with the community.

Even provide free match or discounted tickets at appropriate opportunities.

You might feel like you're throwing money away at first, but it is an investment in the future and the custom will be returned through purchases of food and drink in the social club.

In a sense, it is the McDonald's theory. Give away a voucher for free French Fries, and the customer will return to by a Big Mac and a drink.

If kids are granted free entry, they will bring a parent, who will hopefully bring a friend.

Once again, it will help bolster the gate attendance and create a better match day atmosphere.

4.Build it they will come

Nothing wrong with sprucing the club up with little touches of individual characteristics that adds to the aesthetics of the ground.

In recent times, clubs such as Heidelberg United and Melbourne Knights painted the steps on their grandstand. A simple and great effect with a splash of paint and some elbow grease, and with the crowds not what they used to be, at least the colour gives the place a lift and brightens up the stretch of grey concrete.

Max leads out a mascot at a recent VPL game....

Green Gully also showed the right initiative by installing green and white screens behind each of the goals.

Again, it fills up the space and brings colour to the arena. More of those and one could create a great enclosure that is intimate to watching soccer, and the crowds wouldn't look so sparse.

Richmond Eagles has that huge wire fence that stops the ball going into the freeway. Boo knows all about it, but what if they replicated Gully's idea and converted that huge stretch of wire into a pro Richmond banner? Have it done in the club's colours featuring the club's logo with a message blazoned across it. Something like, "This Is Richmond Eagles FC".

The intention is to improve the facilities as best one can. Sure, the grounds are not Old Trafford or the Nou Camp, but there's no reason why clubs can't organise 'working bees' involving everyone at the club and making a day of it. Maybe even set the 'working bees' on match day to maximise participation.

The better the place looks, the more pride it shows, which in turn will be appreciated and enjoyed by club members and visitors alike.

Try and give parents of juniors the option to come and comfortably socialise inside the club, instead of choosing to stay in the car and knit or read while their son or daughter is out on the park training.

Basically, clubs need to create an environment that is unique to the football culture as well as being inviting for current and future members.

Undeniably, the upkeep of grounds is a relentless task, especially when the lifeblood of the clubs, the volunteers, ultimately end up doing most if not all of the work.

But, the appearance of the ground is an integral part of how the club is portrayed on match day and the rest of the week.

As Bill Shankly once said of Anfield, 'the place is a sacred place, a shrine really". Whether its Anfield or Paisley Park, the same principles should be applied here in Australia.

5.Clean up the terraces

The presence of foul language and antisocial behaviour should not be tolerated at games.

The feral behaviour displayed by some sections of the crowd is proving to be a cancer to the game and is off-putting to many spectators and parents and children, who just want to watch and enjoy the game.

The anti-social behaviour only serves to please the selfish minority.

Cheering, chanting, singing, appealing; these are all elements of the game that gives it much of its colour and atmosphere, but we have to keep the passion and lose the language.

Foul, abusive and racist language should not be tolerated under any circumstances.

6.Align match days and kick-offs

All VPL games should be played at a set regular time each weekend. Reverting back to a uniformed 3pm KO on a Saturday would be the most ideal scenario.

This may seem old fashion, but stretching the matches from Friday through to Monday takes away the essence of the competition and the anticipation of the result.

The sporadic relaying of information to news services is also stuttered, and not to mention annoying for any fan to follow.

Whilst the idea is to make the games more accessible for the crowds, it seems that it's the same people who are drifting from one game to another and keeping the crowd numbers afloat.

We must refer back to the point of creating a Football Day at clubs which expands the appeal, and the timing of the senior match, whereby it is easily accessible for club members to watch, in order to maximise exposure.

Family life is too congested as it is, and the majority of support needs to derive from the grass-roots, which essentially is made up of families who are already involved with the club.

8.30pm kick-offs are not the most popular amongst players either, especially the Monday night football games.

Most of the players have early starts for work the following day and by the time they finish a match, shower and drive home, it can sometimes be well past midnight until their commitments are finished.

Also, one of the most critical factors that is frequently failed to be considered for the late Sunday or Monday games, is the convenience of the match actually being covered in the media.

The game in general struggles to gain space in the mainstream press or local community newspapers, with some agencies forced to run VPL match reports a whole week later due to KO times being the wrong side of the deadline.

The Leader, for instance, has a deadline for Sunday afternoon but would happily include the match reports and results from the weekend's round of action if the games were played at a time that would meet their deadlines.

Why then is this not a factor taken on board for consideration when determining KO times?

If VPL games were played on a Saturday afternoon and utilised the exposure it could gain from the Leader Group of newspapers, this would reiterate a club's association with their respective community and automatically broaden its reach of exposure in high volume media.

It is almost as if the clubs are not doing themselves the favour and tapping into the avenues at their disposal.

Goal! Weekly is another fine example whereby the lines of communication are non-existent. GW is dedicated to comprehensibly covering the entire Victorian Premier League, and with a readership bigger than what most clubs could muster in a week, it is with much surprise that the publication has never been consulted or approached by any of the clubs or the FFV for that matter, with a view to working together to utilise the media vehicle and consider the options that would be best suitable for all concerned.

The late kick-off games don't seem to be working and they struggle to pull the anticipated crowds, especially on cold winter nights.

Keep the games succinct and in daylight. It will also keep the costs down on floodlight bills, and to take it to the extreme, even save on greenhouse omissions.

The learning of final scores at a set time each weekend is part of the magic of football which has been lost over time due to the fiddling of fixtures.

7.Utilise the social club to its potential

The social club should be the hub for any club, and for most it certainly is. But, more can be done to involve outsiders. Community bingo nights, movie nights, showing important football matches live on a big screen; events have to be created or tapped into.

Once again, it's easier said than done, but the clubs need to be forthcoming in thinking outside the box.

Bentleigh Greens hosts bingo days for a Senior's group most Mondays, and I'm sure that most of the other clubs have similar bookings or events in place.

Many clubs have tried to generate extra revenue by showing International matches or Cup finals on the big screen at the social club, but whilst some are successful, the time zone can sometimes not be ideal for some overseas KO times and often nigh on the impossible to accommodate due to due liquor licensing laws.

The nature of the exercise is to operate the venue like big arenas do. Why rely on a home football match every two weeks to keep the venue ticking over?

The big arenas are used for multi purposes, and therefore can be hired out for concerts and other events in order to generate revenue on the days when there are no football activities.

I realise that some of my suggestions may be interpreted as unrealistic or controversial, but I believe now is as good as time as any for Premier League clubs to seriously re-evaluate the direction of how they want to exist, and be prepared to make the hard decisions that are long overdue in order to redefine their role in the current football landscape.

We all know that the formation of the A-league essentially killed off a number of avenues of revenue that previously existed to Premier league clubs. But, if clubs were clever enough then they could adjust accordingly to operate within the parameters of business now set before them, and display initiative to overhaul and maximise their assets instead of living in a vicious cycle of hand to mouth.

Premier League clubs, and even State league clubs, still have a very important role to play in the pathway for football in this country. Not every player will be able to play in the A-league, so therefore players that are still of a decent playing standard have to go somewhere to ply their trade.

We have to create an environment that is paramount to being a genuine stepping stone which caters for players to still be able to have the chance to make the transition from amateur to professional status.

There is a future for football clubs at this level. We just have to be brave to lay the foundations that are more akin to long term prosperity rather than short term.

Lions & Athena roar to Cup Final

By Jacob Kagi

Stirling Lions' tremendous season continued with a 4-0 thumping of Swan United to move into the State League Cup Final.

It was a heated game with Stirling coach Paul Lincoln facing the side he left controversially earlier in the season, but the contrasting form of the two sides since that move was obvious.

Lincoln has transformed the Lions from finals candidates to title favourites, with it sitting top of the table, in just a few weeks, while Swan still faces a massive challenge to avoid relegation, with it just two points above the drop zone.

Stirling scored all of its goals in the first half in a dominant display, with it never really challenged by Swan as it dominated in every aspect.

The Lions went ahead with an own goal in the 22nd minute, with Scott Muirhead putting in an excellent cross, which was too much for Cory Hugo to deal with, as the United goalkeeper saw fumbled the ball over the line.

Tom Ingram doubled Stirling's advantage just minutes later with a fierce shot that smashed into the top corner.

Mario Marcinko continued his good form as he headed in his side's third goal in the 28th minute, his 16th goal of the season.

In the 38th minute, Muirhead scored with a tremendous effort from a free-kick, allowing the Lions to cruise through the rest of the match.

Mario Marcinko in on goal for the Lions' third. PHOTO: PETER SIMCOX

Athena hit Armadale for six

Report by Chris Correia

Cup holders Floreat Athena have stormed into the 2011 State League Cup Final with a 6-0 demolition of Armadale at E&D Litis Stadium.

A blistering first-half performance from Ante Kovacevic's men saw them lead the Reds 5-0 at the break to shatter Armadale's hopes of reaching the final after their Reserves reached the milestone with a thrilling penalty shootout win over Sorrento.

Daniel Niederberger admirably led the way for Athena with a double, while Western Australia duo Branimir Mikulic and Johny Mirco also found the back of the net, along with Jovo Pavlovic and Mo Atak.

Mikulic got the ball rolling in just the fourth minute of the match, after a great cross from Niederberger on the left let the WA winger tap in to an empty net.

Armadale immediately tried to respond through James Robinson, but the State striker was denied from a strong Alex Dunn save.

Mo Atak then brought the game to life with a long-range effort which curled low into the bottom-right corner of the net with Sharrock seeming to get a hand on it.

The goalkeeper's attempt wasn't enough as the former Armadale player's shot whistled into the net to give Floreat a 2-0 lead on 15 minutes.

Jovo Pavlovic was the next player to get on the scoresheet, as his unmarked header from a corner skimmed the bottom of the crossbar and over the goal line to make it 3-0.

It was a very different Armadale side from the one that defeated Athena 2-0 last Saturday and then backed it up with a strong showing against Perth Glory in Sunday's friendly.

Mikulic attempted an audacious turning volley with his back to goal as his side was in cruise control, but WA teammate Sharrock was alert to the danger and blocked the shot well.

Sharrock then undid his good work with an embarrassing blunder when his attempted clearance under no pressure was an air swing that saw the ball roll past the 'keeper and inches past the goal for a corner.

Floreat continued to press and were rewarded when Niederberger scored just before half time to make it 4-0 and mirror the performance of Stirling Lions in yesterday's Semi Final against Swan United.

There was still more to come from Athena when the Armadale defence hesitated to clear the ball inside Floreat's 18-yard box and Mirco was on hand to pickpocket the loose ball and slot past Sharrock to make it an emphatic 5-0 score line at half time.

A deflated Armadale could do little to stop anymore embarrassment in the second half and it didn't get much better for Brad Hassell's men when Mirco tried to add a sixth early after the restart.

The match then got ugly for another reason, Dunn came out to punch clear a dangerous ball, but the Floreat goalkeeper instead collected Armadale striker Tom Robinson in the face.

It left the Reds star dazed and bloodied, with play stopped for several minutes and an animated brother James then confronted the Athena players.

No cards were issued from the incident, despite both teams becoming physical when play was halted.

However, it didn't take long for a red card to be issued.

Armadale's Andy Bowyer was given his marching orders by referee Mathew Cheeseman in the 71st minute after receiving two yellow cards in three minutes.

He last challenge was a poor tackle on Atak as he was in on goal and Cheeseman did not hesitate in sending the defender off.

Athena needed just two minutes to take advantage of the extra player and they made it 6-0 when Niederberger nailed home a left-foot volley at the near post.

The annihilation of Armadale sets up Floreat for a tilt at back-to-back titles, but fierce rivals and APB State Premier League leaders Stirling Lions stand in their way of retaining the State League Cup.

DIVISION ONE

By Jacob Kagi

Bunbury Forum Force maintained its spot at the top of the table with an 11-1 thumping of bottom side Queens Park.

Lee Stewart scored four times in the Force for the second half, while Paddy Quinn also secured a hat-trick.

Fellow promotion candidates Wanneroo City and Bayswater City both won, continuing the three-way logjam at the top of the table, with all sides on 37 points and only separated by goal difference.

Wanneroo beat Morley-Windmills 3-2 in controversial fashion, with a disputed penalty in the last 10 minutes getting the northern suburbs side the victory.

Bayswater beat Gosnells City 4-2, rescuing what looked like a potential disaster with just nine minutes left.

Gosnells came from behind twice to tie the score, the second of those coming in the 81st minute, but former Premier League striker Okwi Diamondstar put Bayswater ahead after 84 minutes, before the sealer was scored two minutes later.

The battle for relegation is even more important this year than most, with there expected to be no promotion from the First Division next year under controversial reforms to be implemented by Football West.

Elsewhere Ashfield beat Fremantle Spirit 2-0 to ease relegation concerns, Canning City drew with Forrestfield United 2-2 and Dianella White Eagles beat Rockingham City 2-0.

NEXT ROUND

Round 18

Sat 31 Jul 3PM
Armadale v ECU Joondalup
Alfred Skeet Oval

Sat 31 Jul 3PM
Swan United v Inglewood United
Swan Italian Club

Sat 31 Jul 3PM
Western Knights v Balcatta
Nash Field

Sat 31 Jul 3PM
Perth SC v Mandurah City
BGC Stadium - Dorrien Gardens

Sat 31 Jul 3PM
Cockburn City v Sorrento
Dalmatinac Park

Sun 1 Aug 3PM
Stirling Lions v Floreat Athena
Macedonia Park

DIVISION ONE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bunbury Forum Force	16	12	1	3	63	15	48	37
2 Bayswater City	16	12	1	3	56	21	35	37
3 Wanneroo City	16	12	1	3	39	18	21	37
4 Gosnells City	16	10	0	6	36	31	5	30
5 Dianella White Eagles	16	7	4	5	35	34	1	25
6 Forrestfield United	16	9	2	5	41	26	15	21
7 Canning City	16	5	5	6	29	33	-4	20
8 Morley-Windmills	16	5	4	7	26	34	-8	19
9 Fremantle SC	16	3	5	8	24	41	-17	14
10 Rockingham City	16	4	0	12	14	48	-34	12
11 Ashfield	16	3	1	12	33	49	-16	10
12 Queens Park	16	2	0	14	19	64	-45	6

WA LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Stirling Lions	17	10	3	4	29	20	9	33
2 Western Knights	17	9	4	4	36	22	14	31
3 Perth SC	17	9	2	6	35	32	3	29
4 Floreat Athena	17	8	4	5	35	21	14	28
5 Sorrento	17	7	4	6	30	33	-3	25
6 ECU Joondalup	17	5	7	5	37	38	-1	22
7 Armadale	17	6	4	7	27	28	-1	22
8 Mandurah City	17	6	3	8	27	33	-6	21
9 Balcatta	17	6	2	9	29	36	-7	20
10 Swan United	17	4	6	7	21	27	-6	18
11 Inglewood United	17	5	3	9	22	34	-12	18
12 Cockburn City	17	4	4	9	26	30	-4	16

WA RESULTS

FOOTBALL WEST STATE LEAGUE
Cup – Semi Finals
Results – Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 July 2010

Saturday 24 July 2010
First Team
Stirling Lions 4 (OG 24, Ingram 27, Marcinko 31, Muirhead 42) Swan United 0.

Reserves
Perth SC 1 ECU Joondalup 1 (ECU won on penalties).

Under 18's
Perth SC 3 Bunbury Forum Force 1.

Sunday 25 July 2010
First Team
Floreat Athena 6 (Mikulic 4, Atak 15, Pavlovic 19, Niederberger 42, 74, Mirco 45+2) Armadale 0.

Reserves
Sorrento 1 Armadale 1 (Armadale won on penalties).

Under 18's
Sorrento 1 Cockburn City 5.

FOOTBALL WEST APB STATE LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Results – Saturday 24 July 2010
First Team
Wanneroo City 3
Morley-Windmills 2;

Queens Park 1 (Chikombe 25)
Bunbury Forum Force 11 (Binnie 3, 55, Prosser 10, 67, Quinn 44, 51, 71, Stewart 70, 75, 83, 85);

Gosnells City 2 (Francis 7, Pomfret 81)
Bayswater City 4 (Murulanda 6, 65, Diamondstar 84, Andres 86);

Ashfield 2 (OG 57, Montorosso 81)
Fremantle Spirit 0;

Canning City 2 (Onyuku 16, Murgia 86)
Forrestfield United 2 (Anderson 23, Burns 60);

Dianella White Eagles 2 (Bogunovic 20, 66, Jelen 91)
Rockingham City 0.

Reserves
Wanneroo City 7 Morley-Windmills 3; Queens Park 1 Bunbury Forum Force 9; Gosnells City 2 Bayswater City 5; Ashfield 0 Fremantle Spirit 3; Canning City 2 Forrestfield United 2; Dianella White Eagles 9 Rockingham City 0.

Under 18's
Wanneroo City 2 Morley-Windmills 1; Gosnells City 3 Bayswater City 3; Canning City 0 Forrestfield United 3; Dianella White Eagles 3 Rockingham City 3.

WA SQUAD TO TAKE ON GLORY ANNOUNCED

Western Australian State coach Peter Murphy has announced his 18-man squad to take on Perth Glory for the Call To Arms Cup presented by Veto Sports on Wednesday July 28.

The team was announced exclusively live on Heritage FM's Let's Talk Football program on Sunday night.

The match will be held at E&D Litis Stadium in Mount Hawthorn and broadcast live on 107.3 Heritage FM.

Call To Arms is a national Cancer Council campaign to raise awareness of cancer in men and is supported by a range of ambassadors including Socceroos star Tim Cahill.

The team is made up of APB State Premier League players from nine out of the 12 clubs in the competition and is subject to change depending on any injuries or suspensions in the lead up to the match.

Cockburn City, Floreat Athena and Mandurah City are the clubs with the largest selection of players with three coming from each.

Former Glory players Marc Anthony, Adrian Webster, Antonio Naglieri, Ryan Townsend, David Micevski and Adrian Caceres have all been picked to wear the black and gold of WA and will have a point to prove against their old side.

Coach Peter Murphy says he has picked the cream of the crop from the APB State Premier League to tackle the Glory.

"I've been to every club and I've watched every club play," he said.

"I think we've covered as many bases as we can possibly cover."

Murphy backed his selection of former Hyundai A-League star Caceres, despite playing just 30 minutes for Inglewood United in last weekend's come from behind draw inspired by the former Glory star.

"When you're playing against the Glory you want the players that can play at that level and he is obviously one of those."

The Call To Arms Cup presented by Veto Sports will kick off at 7pm.

The match will also will be broadcast on West TV.

Perth's new community channel will air a 30-minute highlights package of the match on Thursday July 29 at 9pm and repeat it on Sunday August 1 at 5.30pm.

WA SQUAD

Shane NUNES	Cockburn City
Marc ANTHONY	Cockburn City
Adrian WEBSTER	Cockburn City
Danny CAIN	Sorrento
Antonio NAGLIERI	Perth SC
Andreas OLIVEIRA	Perth SC
John MIGAS	Floreat Athena
John MIRCO	Floreat Athena
Branimir MIKULIC	Floreat Athena
Jason GAVIN	Stirling Lions
Shane ROBINSON	Stirling Lions
Andy BROWN	Mandurah City
Ryan TOWNSEND	Mandurah City
Phil STRAKER	Mandurah City
Cyril SHARROCK	Armadale
James ROBINSON	Armadale
David MICEVSKI	Western Knights
Adrian CACERES	Inglewood United

Match Details:
Western Australia v Perth Glory
Wednesday July 28
E&D Litis Stadium,
Mount Hawthorn
Kick Off: 7.00pm
Adults $10,
Concessions/Pensioners$5,
U15's Free

BONNYRIGG PREMIERS DESPITE SHOCK LOSS

By Mike Salter

Despite a surprise 2-1 defeat at the hands of lowly Sydney Olympic on Saturday night, the Bonnyrigg White Eagles were crowned Premiers thanks to the efforts of their eternal rivals Sydney United, who defeated second-placed Blacktown 2-1 away on Sunday. Details of the former encounter can be found below.

In Sunday's other games, APIA-Leichhardt assured themselves of a place in the finals with a 2-0 home win over Bankstown City. It has been a superb recovery by the Italian-backed club after a dismal start to the season, and they are still in with a chance of finishing in second place with a game remaining.

Marconi's late-season collapse continued; they lost 2-0 at Rockdale City, a result which leaves them sweating on the final week's results to be sure of a finals berth. Manly United ended Sutherland's slim chances of a finals place with a 2-1 win, ending last year's champions' interest in the competition.

In the basement battle, South Coast Wolves had their second big win in as many weeks, thumping the bottom-placed West Sydney Berries to the tune of 5-0. The Berries are practically certain to be relegated to the Winter Super League in 2011.

Bonnyrigg White Eagles are the 2010 FNSW Minor Premiers despite losing 2-1 to Sydney Olympic. PHOTO: CARLOS FURTADO/FNSW

Sydney Olympic 2-1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles

In a major late-season upset, Sydney Olympic received some consolation for their miserable campaign by posting a 2-1 win over competition leaders Bonnyrigg. The result, however, was hardly indicative of the balance of play, and did not stop Bonnyrigg from deservedly gaining the 2010 Premiership.

From the outset, the visitors exerted most of the pressure, with the combination of Brad Boardman and Nathan Elasi up front causing the young Olympic defence considerable problems.

The hosts weathered the early onslaught, however, and took the lead against the run of play on the quarter-hour. A ball was clipped forward from midfield towards Olympic's Tod Bamber, who was baulked in the area after some confusion in the Bonnyrigg defence. A penalty was given, and Phil Makrys drove the spot-kick low to his right, beyond the outstretched arm of Ali Akbal.

Brian Brown's side continued to dictate the tempo of the game, and on 24 minutes Olympic keeper Zaim Zeneli did well to block a shot from Daniel Severino after being beaten to an aerial ball by Boardman. As the game approached the half-hour mark, Bonnyrigg's midfield was taking up permanent residence in the Olympic half, yet a couple of half-chances was all the visiting side could muster after squandering a number of final balls.

It was another soft penalty which brought Bonnyrigg back into the game, on 34 minutes. A long diagonal ball from the left was headed for Boardman, but the former Sutherland man had his legs clipped as he went up for the ball in the area. The second spot-kick of the game ensued, and although Severino slipped while taking the penalty, he managed to bury the ball into the top left-hand corner of the goal.

Sydney FC-bound winger David Gullo was not having the happiest of games for the visitors, and he failed to make the most of an excellent chance on 40 minutes when a right-wing cross from Boardman reached him on the far post. Boardman himself had a chance soon afterwards when Elasi broke down the left and cut the ball back, but Boardman scuffed his first-time shot wide of goal.

The final two chances of the half fell to Olympic's top marksman Matthew Mayora. A long shot was held by Akbal a minute before the interval, and with the last kick of the half Mayora attempted an audacious volley from Makrys's right-wing cross; it flew over the bar.

Severino was given another chance to demonstrate his dead-ball prowess on 47 minutes when Zeneli foolishly handled outside the area, but Severino's left-footed rocket whistled over the crossbar. Three minutes later, Boardman shot from a narrow angle on the right, and the ball skidded tantalisingly across the goalmouth.

The visitors had all the play. Zeneli fumbled a cross from Chris Tadrosse, who had made a rampaging run up from left-back, but Boardman could only bundle the rebound into the Olympic keeper's body. Boardman had an even better chance to get on the scoresheet just after the hour, when his glancing header from Elasi's cross drifted just over the top.

On 73 minutes it looked like the visitors had scored the goal which their aggressive play had merited, when Gullo headed Tadrosse's cross into Zeneli and Boardman turned the rebound home. But the goal was ruled out controversially for an earlier foul.

And so it was that Olympic stole the points with a disarmingly simple goal on 78 minutes. A long clearance from the Olympic defence set Bamber in a race against Paul Cotte: the latter should have been the winner, but his back-header was very poorly placed, rebounding off Akbal's body into the path of the onrushing Bamber. Although the young Olympic frontman's first touch was an awkward one, taking him wide of goal, he did well to finish from a tight angle as goalkeeper and defender scurried back.

Bonnyrigg continued to rush forward, but with the veteran Angelo Petratos (father of recent Sydney FC recruit Dimitri) superbly defiant in defence for the hosts, Brian Brown's men were continually frustrated. Nikola Zonjic came on to add fresh impetus to the visitors' attack, and he created a chance for himself almost immediately, finding space for a rasping volley from 20 yards which was deflected just over the bar. On 88 minutes Gullo should have snatched a point for the leaders when a flowing move reached him on the right, some five yards from goal; he fired wide, and the game was lost.

NSW LADDER

	P	W	L	Pts
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	21	12	6	42
Blacktown City FC	21	11	4	37
Sydney United	21	10	6	36
APIA Leichhardt Tigers	21	11	3	36
Marconi Stallions	21	10	3	33
Rockdale City Suns	21	6	12	30
Sutherland Sharks	21	8	4	28
Bankstown City	21	7	5	26
Manly United FC	21	7	4	25
South Coast Wolves	21	6	4	22
Sydney Olympic	21	6	3	21
West Sydney Berries	21	2	6	12

NSW RESULTS

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE:
ROUND 21: FIRST GRADE:

Sydney Olympic 2 (Phillip Makrys 15m pen Tod Bamber 78m)
Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 (Daniel Severino 35m pen).

Rockdale City Suns 2
(Adem Kir 67m Marino Musumeci 81m)
Marconi Stallions 0,

Manly United FC 2
(Robert Cattanach 12m David Dodd 59m)
Sutherland Sharks 1 (Benjamin Spuce 47m),

APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2 (Franco Parisi 17m Nicola Rizzo 48m)
Bankstown City 0,

Blacktown City FC 1 (Joel Chianese 61m)
Sydney United 2 (Damon Collina 27m Luka Glavas 66m),

South Coast Wolves 5 (Samet Kaynak 20m Mark Picciolini 45m/80m Christopher Nathaniel 58m Tynan Diaz 88m)
West Sydney Berries 0 .

GRADE 20: Sydney Olympic 2 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2, Rockdale City Suns 0 Marconi Stallions 1, Manly United FC 2 Sutherland Sharks 1, APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2 Bankstown City 1, Blacktown City FC 3 Sydney United 1, South Coast Wolves 4 West Sydney Berries 1.

GRADE 18: Sydney Olympic 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1.

SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 19: FIRST GRADE: Parramatta Eagles 2 (M Clowes 3/84m) Northern Tigers 2 (S Park 60m T Spencer 75m), Spirit FC 3 (A Peatey 26m T Simpson 65m D Cunningham 90m pen) Granville Rage 1 (C Bottalico 59m), Fraser Park FC 0 Sydney University 0, Central Coast Lightning 3 (K Crum 33m N Byrn 54m N Woodcock 69m) St George FC 2 (J Chavez 4m B Gibson 25m), FC Bossy Liverpool 2 (K.Atkinson 75m Daniel Wilson 90m) Dulwich Hill 0, Macarthur Rams 0 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1 (E.Georges 33m pen).

GRADE 20: Parramatta Eagles 1 Northern Tigers 4, Spirit FC 3 Granville Rage 1, Fraser Park FC 2 Sydney University 2, Central Coast Lightning 5 St George FC 2, FC Bossy Liverpool 0 Dulwich Hill 1, Macarthur Rams 2 Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0.

DIVISION ONE: ROUND 19: FIRST GRADE: Blacktown Spartans 1 (M Todd 1m) Balmain SC 0, Hills Brumbies 3 (D Savic 3m B Mitrovich 68m T Pannowitz 87m pen) Mounties Wanderers 1 (D Willoughby 6m), Inter Lions 0 Camden Tigers 0, Hurstville ZFC 1 (V Zoric 74m) Gladesville Ryde Magic 2 (C Robertson 3m, J Martinez 19m), UNSW 0 Schofield Scorpions 1 (T Harrington 39m), Stanmore Hawks Fairfield City Lions Postponed .

NEXT ROUND

Round 22

3pm Sun 1/Aug B'rigg White Eagles v West Syd Berries
Bonnyrigg Sports Club
3pm Sun 1/Aug Bankstown City v Blacktown City
Jensen Park
3pm Sun 1/Aug APIA L'hardt Tigers v Sth Coast Wolves
Leichhardt Oval
3pm Sun 1/Aug Marconi Stallions v Syd Olympic
Marconi Stadium
3pm Sun 1/Aug S'land Sharks v Rockdale City Suns
Seymour Shaw Park
3pm Sun 1/Aug Syd Utd v Manly Utd
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GOAL FEAST AT FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

AEK Athens players celebrate one of their five goals against Sydney FC. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

Sydney FC captain Alex Brosque pulls one back for the home side from the penalty spot. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

AEK Athens fans show their colours at the Sydney Football Stadium. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

By Roy Hay

The Sydney Festival of Football kicked off in winter sunshine at the Football Stadium with a double header involving Sydney FC against AEK Athens and Blackburn Rovers taking on Rangers from Scotland.

A crowd of 14,153 attended the two games, but because some left and some arrived for the second match the atmosphere was lacking, except when the Rangers fans were in full voice.

Players found the going difficult at times, in part because the sprinklers came on before the first game creating some slippery patches in midfield.

Of the four teams taking part, AEK looked very slick in scoring five goals against Sydney, though at least three of these came from defensive mistakes.

Thanks to the curious scoring system employed for the tournament—designed to increase the tally of goals—it will lead the table with 8 points, three for the win and one each for its scores.

Even though Sydney went down by five-three, it collects 3 points, and is still in the hunt.

Rangers accounted for Blackburn Rovers by two goals to one after a performance which surprised the pessimistic Scottish press contingent who are depressed by Rangers' financial position.

Rangers had to sell several of the their players including top scorer Kris Boyd and teenage defender Danny Wilson and apart from the return of Andy Webster who was on loan to Dundee United last season, there have been no significant additions to the squad.

But they played an excellent, on the deck, passing game which resulted in an early goal from a cross by Steve Davis headed in by Maurice Edu.

Kenny Miller finished off a brilliant interchange between Kyle Lafferty and Steven Naismith with Lafferty's cut back finding the striker just before the interval.

Rangers got a penalty for a trip in 63 minutes but Miller hit the bar, then Blackburn got one two minutes later and David Dunn scored.

In the early game there was one of the howlers of the decade when the AEK keeper tried to round Alex Brosque on the edge of his goal area, but only presented the striker with his second goal. He had earlier converted a penalty to give Sydney parity after Leonardo had put AEK in front.

Thereafter it was all AEK with goals coming at regular intervals to delight their small band of supporters.

AEK's Leonardo slots one past Sebastian Ryall. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

Battle of Britain: Glasgow Rangers v Blackburn Rovers. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

By Mike Salter

At the Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday, Sydney FC and AEK Athens opened the Sydney Festival of Football with a splendidly entertaining eight-goal feast. It was the Greek side who came out on top, putting together a number of delightful moves in the course of the game, and demonstrating the gulf in class between Australian and European club football.

The match did take some time to get into gear, and the only chance of note in the first fifteen minutes fell to the visitors, when former Greek international Nikos Liberopoulos tested Sydney FC's Ivan Necevski from distance. The two sides were feeling each other out, and neither was prepared to take too many risks in attack.

AEK began to dictate matters as the half wore on, and on 18 minutes a brisk one-two on the left flank sent AEK left-back Panagiotis Lagos through on goal, with Necevski doing well to hold onto his low volley. Some twelve minutes later, with AEK edging ever closer, Greek international Pantelis Kafes nodded a cross from the other fullback, Sanel Jahic, just wide of goal.

The breakthrough came only moments later. Receiving the ball on the left, Liberopoulos touched it off beautifully to Brazilian winger Leonardo Pereira, who ran on to curl the ball neatly around Necevski for AEK's opener.

The A-League champions, however, were back on level terms within only two minutes. A Scott Jamieson corner was needlessly handled by Kafes, and Sydney FC were awarded a penalty. Alex Brosque's reliable left foot thumped it down the middle, and it was 1-1.

The scores were not level for long. In the 37th minute, Pereira's left-wing corner was flicked on expertly by Kafes, and Argentinian striker Ismael Blanco snuck in front of Byun Sung-Hwan at the far post to apply a headed finish.

The teams went into the rooms at 2-1, despite a good attempt at goal from Shannon Cole five minutes from the interval. When Sydney FC emerged from the tunnel, it was with young Kofi Danning on the right instead of Brendan Gan, who had been a disappointment in the first period.

Sydney drew level again within three minutes of the restart, in comical fashion. AEK keeper Ioannis Arampatzis received a back-pass with Brosque closing in on him, and rather than try to clear the ball he foolishly attempted to dribble past Brosque on his line. A stumble, an outstretched right boot from the Sydney striker, and Sydney FC had their second goal.

Blanco split the Sydney defence with a clever ball through to Pereira three minutes later, but the Brazilian steered the ball wide. On 58 minutes AEK were somewhat lucky not to be reduced to ten men when a surging run on goal by Brosque was cynically blocked by Kostas Manolas. The AEK man received no more than a caution.

On the hour, AEK went ahead for the third time in the match. A dreadful giveaway in midfield by Hirofuni Moriyasu, in his first game as a contracted Sydney FC player, set an AEK attack in motion; Ignacio Scocco, another of AEK's Argentinian legion, advanced on the left and smartly played in Liberopoulos on the right. Leisurely bringing the ball onto his left foot, the veteran produced a classy finish past Necevski.

To the delight of the home crowd, former A-League star Nathan Burns made his appearance for the Greek side on 62 minutes, and was into the action immediately. His header at goal from a right-wing cross on 63 minutes lacked power, but soon afterwards he timed his run in the centre perfectly to connect with a throughball, but was incorrectly called offside.

Sydney FC too made changes, Rhyan Grant replacing the unfortunate Moriyasu and Senegalese triallist Ibrahima Thiam replacing Mark Bridge. AEK continued to produce the better football, however, and on 74 minutes they went further in front. Danning's careless touch let in Scocco, who swiftly rounded a stunned Cole and finished adroitly with his right foot.

Thiam had an excellent chance to open his Sydney FC account when big Swedish defender Daniel Majstorovic let him through on goal on the right, but his gentle prod at goal was cleared by Manolas. A minute later, it was five for the Greek club. Man-of-the-match Liberopoulos charged diagonally into the box and shot at goal; Necevski pushed the ball gently into the path of Kafes, whose lunging shot was touched, but not saved, by the Sydney FC keeper.

Grant showed plenty of intent in the final minutes, and created a third goal for Sydney FC with a minute to go. Finding room for a cross on the left, he picked out the head of Thiam on the far post, and this time the lanky man from Senegal made no mistake. Grant might have scored himself a minute later after turning his man in midfield and firing at goal from 25 yards, but the shot skidded wide.

A marvellous game of football, and a fine start to the event.

RANGERS EDGE OUT BLACKBURN

In the second match of the double-header, Scottish giants Rangers staved off a spirited second-half fightback from English Premier League club Blackburn Rovers to secure a 2-1 win.

Rangers scored twice in the opening period, USA international Maurice Edu heading home the opener from Steve Davis's free kick, and Kenny Miller doubling the lead just before half-time after a sumptuous right-wing move. Rangers' Algerian international Majid Boughera gave away a penalty in the second half when he tripped Blackburn's Junior Hoilett in the area, and David Dunn making no mistake from the spot. That, however, was all the men from Lancashire could muster.

Former Socceroo and Rangers player, Craig Moore, asks if he should have brought his boots PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

High fives for Rangers players after a 2-1 win over Blackburn Rovers. PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

No sweat! SFC's Stefan Kellar and AEK's Sanel Jahic PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

Aye Ready! The Australian arm of the Rangers Army are in full voice PHOTO: GEOFF JONES

Clarence and Sth Hobart in Cup Final

By Walter Pless

The holders of the Milan Lakoseljac Memorial Trophy, Clarence United, will meet Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League champions, South Hobart, in this year's final of this state-wide competition.

Clarence made it two successive appearances in the final when they scored a late penalty to down Burnie United 4-3 away at Montello.

In the other semi-final, South Hobart beat New Town Eagles 2-1 away at Clare Street.

Clarence led 3-0 after just a quarter of an hour, but Burnie pulled a goal back through Chris Smith before the break.

Goals for the home side by Kayron Johnson and Mark Ambrose made it 3-3 near the end, but a late disputed penalty converted by Ben Hamlett gave the southerners and cup-holders the win and a ticket into the final.

New Town Eagles shocked South Hobart by taking a 4th-minute lead. Ben Whitehall's excellent cross from the right found Alex Leszczynski at the far post and he kept the ball in play and headed it back across goal, where Adam McKeown nodded it home at the other post.

South were level within two minutes when poor defending by Eagles failed to cut out Liam Scott's deep cross from the left and Jonathon Lo was unmarked as he headed the ball into the net from 12 metres.

South Hobart goalkeeper Sam Kruijver produced a marvellous save from Simon Strang in the 10th minute, but as the ball fell to McKeown, a desperate tackle by Daniel Brown prevented the Eagles striker from scoring.

In the 15th minute, Eagles again went close when Whitehall's corner from the right found Strand on the far side of the box, but his shot across the face of goal went centimetres wide of the far post.

Eagles' Michael Anderson received a yellow card from referee Ivan Jozeljic after just 17 minutes after an overly boisterous tackle.

South squandered a good chance in the 28th minute when Eagles goalkeeper Nathan Pitchford failed to deal with a Shae Hickey cross from the right. Under pressure from Lo, Pitchford could not gain possession, but when the ball fell to Kostas Kanakaris, he blazed over an open goal.

South were denied in stoppage time when Andrew Clark cleared off the line after a superb counter-attack by the visitors.

Strang gave the ball away needlessly in midfield and a fine passage of play involving Andy Brennan, Hickey and Lo almost resulted in a South Hobart goal.

South Hobart gradually got the measure of Eagles in the second half and learned to deal with the home-side's long-ball style of play.

Ten minutes after the resumption, a fumble by Pitchford following a low cross from the left by Kanakaris almost allowed Lo in, but the keeper recovered and managed to propel the ball clear of danger with his fist.

South's winner came in the 78th minute after Whitehall conceded a free-kick by fouling Scott wide on South's left flank.

Scott floated the ball towards the far post, where Kanakaris materialised and was untroubled in shooting past Pitchford.

In Southern Premier League action last Sunday, Olympia Warriors finally moved off the foot of the ladder after drawing 1-1 with champions South Hobart.

Jim Pennicott netted for South, while Kosta Grillas was Olympia's marksman.

Olympia are now level on points with Taroona, who dropped to last place on goal-difference.

Statewide Lakoseljac Cup

Burnie United -v- Clarence United 3-4
New Town Eagles -v- South Hobart 1-2

Final
Clarence United v South Hobart
Saturday 21st August 2010

NORTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Rangers	13	10	3	0	47	18	33
Devonport City	13	10	2	1	46	19	32
Riverside Olympic	13	7	2	4	40	21	23
Ulverstone	13	6	2	5	38	28	20
Prospect Knights	13	6	2	5	37	32	20
Burnie United	13	7	0	6	46	29	21
Somerset	13	5	0	8	31	47	15
Launceston City	13	2	1	10	24	38	7
Launceston United	14	0	0	14	12	86	0

SOUTH LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Hobart	18	16	2	0	55	12	50
Tilford Zebras	18	9	4	5	43	34	31
Glenorchy Knights	16	8	3	5	34	31	27
Clarence United	18	7	6	5	37	34	26
Kingborough Lions	18	6	3	9	23	32	21
New Town Eagles	17	5	5	7	32	32	20
Olympia FC Warriors	18	1	6	11	19	40	9
Taroona	17	2	3	12	20	46	9

NTH NEXT ROUND

Round 16
Saturday 31st July
Somerset v Launceston United *Cardigan Street 2.30pm*
Ulverstone v Riverside Olympic *Ulverstone Showgrounds 2.30pm*
Devonport City v Burnie United *Valley Road 2.30pm*
Launceston City v Northern Rangers *Mitsubishi Park 6.30pm*
Prospect Knights - *Bye*

STH NEXT ROUND

Round 19
Saturday 31st July
New Town Eagles v Clarence United *Clare Street 2.30pm*
Kingborough Lions v Hobart Olympia *Lightwood Park 2.30pm*
Glenorchy Knights v Tilford Zebras *KGV Park 2.30pm*

Sunday 1st August
South Hobart v Taroona *South Hobart 2.30pm*

South Hobart's Daniel Brown (right) moves in on Eagles' Adam McKeown.
PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

New Town Eagles' Ben Whitehall (white shirt) holds off South Hobart's Kostas Kanakaris and Liam Scott.
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EAGLES STITCH CUP FINAL BERTH IN JUST 45 MINUTES

By Nat Adamopoulos

Adelaide Blue Eagles went straight through to the Federation Cup Grand Final after giving the Premier League side Enfield City Falcons a 5-0 hiding at Adelaide City Park on Saturday.

It was a case of set yourself up well in the first half and cruise home in the second with coach Zoran Karadzic's lads, proving that there is still quite a big gap between the two leagues with their dominance in the first 45 minutes, despite the Falcons side having a number of players that were former MetroStars Super League players.

The Eagles were without in form striker Chad Bugeja who had succumbed to a late injury at the last training before the game. The Falcons started well, trying to emulate the great performance of the Cumberland Foxes in 2009 being a Premier League club to win the title and were providing some good strength at the back with Joe Costa, Charles Marwe, Mark Graham and Martinez. Meanwhile captain Dimi Parhas and Michael Margaritis were getting the supply from their midfield and creating opportunities up front.

There was not real surprise to the small crowd that they were worn down quickly by the pure slickness and quality ball possession of the Eagles, their opponents pinpoint passing and accurate ball placement a big difficulty to handle by the Falcons.

As the Eagles' percentage of time on the ball increased so did their chances at goal, until eventually success struck at the 21st minute by young gun Mitch Nicholson who was in the right place at the right time to get on the end of a ball parried out by Falcons keeper Peter Kourkoulis to blast in a rocket from 35metres out to put the Eagles in front.

Just 3 minutes later it was Eagles defender Dean Kenrick putting in the second for his side, who uncannily has found the back of the net of late. The proverbial flood gates opened up for the Azzurri, with young striker Kym Harris beating the Falcons defence and keeper in the 27th minute for number three.

Blue Eagles young gun Mitch Nicholson broke the ice with his great goal under the watchful eye of Adelaide United new coach Rini Coolen PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER

Margaritas and Parhas were desperately looking to get some dignity back into the scoreline for the Falcons with the help of the Costa brothers Joe and James, ex MetroStars midfielder Jim Stavrides and 2009 State League Player of the Year Russell Waller but to no avail thanks to the solid midfield and defence of the Eagles.

Just to add insult to injury, Harris popped up to header in his second and and Eagles fourth and pocket rocket striker Fortunato Filletti slotted away one to make it 5-zip and game set and match for the Azzurri.

As the sides went in for the half time break punters were left to ponder just how much of a blow out the score would be.

To their credit Falcons came out stronger in the second half and put up a great contest getting together some good possession and forward movement but were outclassed by the experience of the Eagles defence. Karadzic took his foot off the pedal and saved two of his prize steeds by substituting Kounavelis and Lagati for the youth of Nicholas Bucco and Mensur Delkic who both stood up and played a mature game for the rest of the match, especially Bucco with some great work to get the ball forward. The Falcons defence stiffened up and stood strong to prevent their opposition adding to the score, thanks to some super efforts from Marwe, Graham, Martinez and Costa. Parhas had a few chances to get some credibility back in the match but the top keeping skills of DeLucia put a stop to that happening, the Eagles keeper pulling off some great saves. A late substitution by Falcons coach Peter Cristarella put fresh young legs on in Yamin Jamal who was making his mark on the match with some great tackles and runs for the ball, but was on the wrong end of fall which saw him drastically dislocate his elbow and effectively put an end to the game. The young lad fell inside the pitch and trainers were reluctant to move him due to the immense pain. So as the ambulance was called up, referee Dave Alberton made the decision to bring an end to the match with only a couple of minutes to go. The emphatic victory by the Eagles sends them straight into the Cup Final trying for a seventh Cup Trophy in their history.

The second Semi Final was played out on Sunday at the Mardens Sports Complex between league leaders and 2009 League Champions MetroStars and fourth placed Campbelltown City Red Devils. As expected, this match was always going to be a closely contested match with both clubs having won two cup titles in their history.

The first half was played out in a somewhat safe tactical manner, both sides using their backline to play out most of their possession, only moving forward when small gaps were present in the midfield and players were able to press the ball.

Young keeper for the MetroStars Michael Rende who has played second fiddle to Dan Godley for some years now, had his time between the sticks and did so admirably with some great saves made throughout the match. With striker Scotty Tunbridge out it was great to see the 'springing gazelle' James Yong Back in the side for MetroStars after having a stint in the US with his college studies.

What could have been an early breakthrough by the league leaders ended in disaster, as speedster Steven Grelli was presented with a golden opportunity, open goal directly in front only 10 metres out, instead spraying his shot way off target.

The first 45 minutes resembled a chess match, each movement seemingly clinical and being counteracted by the other side as if waiting for the other to make a serious blunder.

Veteran Red Devil Jason Trimboli had a couple of blasts at goal but Rende and the Stars staunch defenders took care of those quickly. Young Perri Mitris almost found his name on the score card for MetroStars just before the half time whistle when he curved in a great shot from a corner kick that only just glanced past the face of goal, catching Pogliacomi off guard.

The second half eventually did liven up, Trimboli with a shot at goal that missed its mark in the 68th minute. Yong was then substituted by Stars coach David Terminello in the 69th minute for Jackson Groves who has had a super season so far, but unable to put in his usual exciting performance in this game.

Red Devils coach Rocky Aloisi took tough defender Luca De Girolamo off in the 83rd after luckily escaping what could have been a second yellow card and put midfielder Stephen Piotto on to see if he could inject some venom in the match.

But as the game neared its completion and things were looking like going into extra time, it was Stars striker Michael Matricciani who came up with the match winner in the 91st minute, getting on the end of a great ball that totally split the defence of Campbelltown care of his Captain Ivan Karlovic, slotting the ball low and left past keeper Les Pogliacomi.

The desperate efforts of the Campbelltown lads was left too little too late as the final whistle was blown and MetroStars earned themselvesa place in the Federation Cup Final to be held on Saturday 21st August at Hindmarsh Stadium the home of football.

CCSC v Metrostars: Michael Matricciani get the match winner for MetroStars ADAM BUTLER

SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
MetroStars	15	10	4	1	35	15	20	34
Para Hills	15	7	5	3	21	18	3	26
Adelaide Blue Eagles	15	7	4	4	34	21	13	25
Campbelltown	15	7	4	4	26	20	6	25
Adelaide City	15	7	2	6	21	24	-3	23
Western Strikers	15	4	7	4	28	29	-1	19
Adelaide Galaxy	15	3	7	5	17	21	-4	16
Adelaide Cobras	15	5	1	9	22	34	-12	16
Raiders	15	3	5	7	15	21	-6	14
Cumberland Utd	15	1	3	11	17	33	-16	6

NEXT ROUND

Round 16
Sat 31/07/2010

Adelaide Blue Eagles vs MetroStars
3pm Marden Sports Complex

Adelaide Cobras vs Campbelltown
3pm Weigall Oval

Adelaide Galaxy vs Cumberland Utd
3pm Con Makris Park

Para Hills vs Adelaide City
3pm The Paddocks

Western Strikers vs Raiders
3pm Carnegie Reserve

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Modbury	15	11	1	3	42	20	22	34
Croydon	15	9	3	3	28	16	12	30
Adelaide Comets	15	8	1	6	28	25	3	25
Enfield City	15	6	5	4	25	24	1	23
Pirates	15	5	5	5	26	23	3	20
Adelaide Olympic	15	4	5	6	23	23	0	17
Adelaide Hills	15	5	1	9	26	30	-4	16
Salisbury Utd	15	5	1	9	18	30	-12	16
West Adelaide	15	5	1	9	15	36	-21	16
White City Woodville	15	4	3	8	20	24	-4	15

SA RESULTS

FEDERATION CUP

Adelaide Blue Eagles 5 (K.Harris 2, F.Filletti, D.Kenrick, M.Nicholson)
Enfield City 0 (HT 5-0)
Best – Blue Eagles (M.Nicholson, Sa.Parissos, D.Kenrick)
Enfield (D.Parhas, M.Graham, D.Martinez)

Campbelltown City 0
MetroStars 1 (M.Matricciani) (HT 0-0)
Best – Campbelltown (T.Nelson, V.Parhas, J.Trimboli) MetroStars (T.Sarris, I.Karlovic, M.Matricciani)

RESERVES CUP

Adelaide Blue Eagles 2 D.(Scalamera, T.Maiorana)
Croydon 0 (HT 2-0)
Best – Blue Eagles (A.Harris, I.Kamau, H.Walter)
Croydon (D.Marino, C.Sloniec, A.Vettese)

Salisbury United 3 (S.Spiby, A.Ducker, D.Burton) MetroStars 2 (A.Karastamatis, R.Callisto) (HT 2-0)
Best – Salisbury (C.Brown, S.Spiby, A.Rowe) MetroStars (J.Polisena, D.Rechichi, E.King)

UNDER 19 CUP

Cumberland United 1 (T.O.G.)
West Adelaide 4 (C.Vounasis, I.Jaric, M.Bouzalas, G.Piliouras)
(HT 1-1)
Best – Cumberland (A.McInnes, W.Toms, C.Dry)
West Adel (M.Bouzalas, I.Jaric, C.Pappas)

Adelaide City 1 (M.Mittiga)
MetroStars 2 (S.Gardham, L.D'Arrigo)
(HT 0-1)
Bets – Adel City (B.Solano, L.May, M.Mittiga)
MetroStars (L.D'Arrigo, E.Taban, A.Kalinovic)

Title Race Still On As Late Winner Denies Fire

By Jarrod Ellis

The most anticipated match of Round 18 of the Hyundai QSL was without a doubt the encounter between Brisbane Strikers and Sunshine Coast FC at Perry Park on Saturday night.

Sunshine Coast have been moving ever closer to claiming the QSL league title in recent weeks and with only three rounds remaining Brisbane are the only side in the competition that can deny them.

Going into the match the Fire were faced with the knowledge that a draw or a win would see them clinch the title, a situation that unsurprisingly lead to a tense and at times heated encounter out on the pitch.

The Fire had the better of the opening quarter of an hour, with Tyson Holmes combining well with right-sided midfielder Yuta Gona in particular, and placing the home side's defence under early pressure.

The visitors went close to scoring in the fifth minute when Holmes delivered a free kick, high towards the Strikers' penalty spot. Josh Taylor jumped high to direct a powerful header at the Strikers' goal, and the ball would have gone just under the crossbar if not for an athletic leap from goalkeeper Seb Usai, who palmed the ball away.

The Strikers were taking their time to settle but were suddenly in the contest in the eighteenth minute when midfielder Matt Christensen opened up the Fire's defence with an excellent pass to Matt Thurtell. Taking the ball in his stride Thurtell raced away from his defender and into the Fire's penalty area. Thurtell's run brought Fire goalkeeper Antony Hall sprinting off his line, Hall then pulling off a fine save to slow Thurtell's shot just enough to allow Alex Henderson to clear the ball away just before it crossed the line.

From then on the Strikers began to wrest control of the midfield and created most of the scoring chances in the remainder of the half, only to waste them with shots and headers that failed to draw a save out of Hall.

Christensen then missed a chance of his own when, having received a low cross from Myles Carseldine inside the Fire's penalty area, the midfielder shimmied to his right to beat a defender and earn himself the time to place his shot. But Christensen's shot failed to even test Hall, sailing half a metre over the crossbar from about ten metres.

As Hall's goal continued to live a charmed life Sean Burke became the next player to miss the target from close range. Burke go himself into position, sprinting on to an incisive pass from the centre circle and then beating a defender to race towards the Fire's six-yard box with the defender trailing. As Hall advanced off his line Burke clipped a right-footed shot low to Hall's left but the striker and the home side's plentiful supporters were left gasping as the chance passed narrowly wide.

The second half saw more of the same and only a brilliant sliding interception two minutes into the half from Greig Henslee prevented Thurtell from having a free shot just six yards out from goal.

Striker's keeper Brendan White punches desperately over Shaun Blackman head. PHOTO: ROBYN WOODALL

Hall was back in the action again only a minute or so later to parry a twenty-yard drive from Chay Hews. Strikers' fans were again left groaning in disbelief as the ball then popped up waist-height to Thurtell, whose off-balance attempt to steer the rebound into the open net ended with the ball rolling just wide.

The Fire were now finding it tough to get forward at all, but left winger Ryan Delahunty briefly raised their hopes in the sixty-second minute when, he found himself faced by Hews as a ball played behind Carseldine gave Delahunty room to run. Hews forced Delahunty wide as the winger outpaced him, but Delahunty's deep cross had Seb Usai backpedalling anxiously before he leapt up to tip the ball on to the roof of his net.

From there the game calmed a little, both sides struggling to carve out genuine opportunities as the ball seemed to get stuck in midfield.

Knowing that his side had to win to keep their title hopes alive, Brisbane coach David Large wasn't afraid to roll the dice, bringing on Dylan Goodman and Jordan Mason with only twelve minutes remaining and neither side looking like scoring.

Almost immediately, Goodman found himself inside the Fire's penalty area for his first touch, striding on to a short pass that cut the visitors' defence open. Hall was out like a flash as Goodman went for the first-time finish, the goalkeeper spreading his body, the ball deflecting off his leg and onto the roof of the net.

But it was the other substitute, Mason, who was destined to have the biggest impact. As the Strikers pressured the Fire inside their defensive third Mason won a tussle for possession and then strode forward with the ball into left side of the Fire's penalty area. Using his strength to hold off a defender Mason dribbled towards the six-yard box and an advancing Hall. The Fire's keeper couldn't get a touch this time though as Mason rammed a low left-footed shot past into the net to spark wild celebrations amongst the Strikers players and supporters.

The goal was enough to secure the result that Brisbane so desperately needed as they attempt to halt Sunshine Coast's seemingly unstoppable march towards the QSL title. Despite the scenes of delirious pandemonium after the 1-0 win it's still likely that the Fire will indeed walk off with the Premiers trophy as the loss still only leaves them with the task of collecting three points from a possible nine.

Saturday's other game saw NQ Razorbacks in action at home against Troy Mundy's Whitsunday Miners. The home side looked odds on for the win thanks to an early second half strike from Joshua Searle but as happened last week against FNQ Bulls a late equaliser ensured that the Razorbacks had to share the points. Ben Schaper was the hero for the visitors, striking with only six minutes of normal time remaining to give his side a valuable point as the Miners look to finish as high as possible on the table.

Sunday's games saw no surprises as FNQ Bulls pulled off a resounding 3-1 win against QAS and Capricorn Cougars put a major dent in Bundaberg's hopes of avoiding the wooden spoon as they snatched a 2-1 win at Martens Oval thanks to a late winner from Matt Smilie.

In other news around the league Football Queensland have reportedly committed themselves to the QSL for at least the next three years. More interestingly there are plans for expansion with aims to introduce two extra clubs into the league in the near future. Gold Coast and Brisbane are the nominated regions for the new teams, a step that should be welcomed by the football community after the loss of Redlands, Olympic FC and Logan United after last season.

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	GD	Pts
1 Sunshine Coast	18	15	1	2	52	23	29	46
2 Brisbane Strikers	18	12	3	3	49	17	32	39
3 FNQ Bulls	18	9	2	7	40	36	4	29
4 NQ Razorbacks	18	8	4	6	30	21	9	28
5 Capricorn Cougars	17	5	2	10	22	34	-12	17
6 QAS	16	5	2	9	34	47	-13	17
7 Whitsunday Miners	17	3	5	9	23	37	-14	14
8 Bundaberg Spirit	18	2	3	13	23	58	-35	9

RESULTS

Brisbane Strikers 1 (Mason 84) v Sunshine Coast FC 0

NQ Razorbacks 1 (Searle 55) v Whitsunday Miners 1 (Schaper 84)

QAS 1 (Quinn 10) v FNQ Bulls (Ruiz 8,17, Alderton 39))

Bundaberg Spirit (Stephenson 70) v Capricorn Cougars (Evans 62, Smilie 77)

NEXT ROUND

ROUND 19

FNQ Bulls v Capricorn Cougars
Sat 31 Jul 8:00pm
Sunshine Coast FC v Whitsunday Miners
Sun 1 Aug 1:30pm
Bundaberg Spirit v Brisbane Strikers
Sun 1 Aug 3:00pm
QAS v NQ Razorbacks
Sun 1 Aug 2:00pm

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GOAL DIFFERENCE SEPARATES OLD RIVALS

By Russ Gibbs

Only goal difference separates Champions Canberra FC and their old rivals Belconnen United at the top of the Gatorade Premier League after thirteen rounds following Canberra FC's escape against Monaro Panthers and Belconnen's convincing win over Tuggeranong United.

Canberra FC was indebted to a stoppage time equaliser from defender Matt Grbesa to get out of jail and force a 1-1 draw with the Panthers. After wasting a stack of chances in the first half the home team seemed to be heading for a first defeat of the season and facing the possibility of losing for the first time in their Deakin Stadium home since its refurbishment as Goran Veljanovski gave the visitors the lead with barely five minute remaining. However, Canberra FC pushed for one last effort and was rewarded when Grbesa latched onto a cross and headed home the equaliser.

On Saturday afternoon Belconnen United made light of terrible conditions at Kambah 2 to see off Tuggeranong United 5-1. Tai Smith bagged a brace whilst Danny Macor, David Kemp and Cameron Reinhart also netted after Mark Shields had given Tuggeranong an early lead. Whilst the score may look one-sided the game only really blew out in the last twenty minutes as the Blue Devils took advantage of a tiring United defence to score four times.

Woden Valley also hit five with a comprehensive 5-1 dismantling of ANU FC at ANU North Oval. The in-form Woden were two-nil ahead inside seven minutes after early goals to Lukas Cole and Carlos Salazar and held their cushion until the 67th minute when Tom Rogic reduced the gap to give the home team some hope. However that hope was extinguished minutes later when Daryll Hall bulleted a header into the net to restore the two-goal advantage. A minute later Salazar struck his second, and sixth of the season, before a superb effort from Bensah Afiabo, spotting James Kaye off his line from close to half-way, completed the win. It could have been even more for Woden as Hall saw his penalty well saved by Kaye.

Cooma Tigers stay third on the table after they thrashed Goulburn Strikers 5-0 at Nijong Oval. Adrian Labutte and Serdan Bircan both scored doubles adding to Marcial Munoz's opener as the Tigers earned a comprehensive victory. The result has put the Strikers hopes of a finals place in serious jeopardy whilst Cooma remains seven points behind the top two.

Elsewhere, Canberra City came from 0-2 down after 13 minutes to defeat Canberra Olympic 6-2 in a goal-fest at Hawker Football Centre. After Oliver Wiederkehr and Domenic Giampaolo had given Olympic their 2-0 lead City stormed back into the match and amazingly were 3-2 ahead by the 35 minute mark. Obi Shadmaan, Misko Naumoski and David Dexter were the scorers and in the second half Naumoski added his second through a top-drawer free kick before substitute Pat Ross-Magee added a late brace to complete the rout.

ACT Premier League action from Woden Valley's (white) 5-1 win over ANUFC (stripes). PHOTO: PAUL LAU

BLUE DEVILS MOVE INTO THIRD SPOT

Second half goals from Maja Blasch and Lauren Keir has helped Belconnen United into third place on the ladder after the fifteenth round of action in The Tradies Women's Premier League.

The Blue Devils were made to work extremely hard by opponents Weston Creek in a tough tussle at McKellar Park and had to wait until the 54th minute to open the scoring in a match that seemed poised for a draw. Striker Maja Blasch struck her fourth goal of the campaign to break the deadlock and, with Weston pushing for a goal to level the scores again, Belconnen caught them with a classic sucker punch when Lauren Keir sealed the points with nine minutes remaining.

Belwest Foxes were in cruise control as they demolished Tuggeranong United 5-0 in their clash at Kaleen Enclosed. Livewire striker Cian Maciejewski found her goal touch once again grabbing another hat-trick to take her season's total to seventeen in the race for the Golden Boot. Katrina Staniforth and Sam Price completed a comfortable win that maintains the Foxes nine point lead at the summit of the table.

A clinical set-piece, created by Catherine Brown and converted by Ashleigh Palombi, was the crucial moment in Woden Valley's 4-2 win over ANU WFC. Palombi's goal, her second of the day, put Woden ahead 3-2 and finally broke ANU WFC's resolve. Earlier in the day new Dutch import Aniek Schepens had given the students the lead and, after Woden had hit back to make it 2-1, Schepens scored again with a brilliant 25 metre drive to level the scores once more. However, Palombi's goal crushed a determined display from ANU with Hayley Hinde and Erin Clout Woden's other scorers.

Bottom club Brindabella Blues put in their best performance of the season to date pushing under-strength Canberra FC all the way before succumbing to a goal from Ashlea Bryant. Bryant struck her third goal of the season to spare Canberra FC blushes as the stubborn Brindabella Blues fought all the way. The Blues defended superbly and were mightily unlucky not to gain a tangible reward from the game, what would have been their first point of the season. As it was the solitary goal from Bryant puts Canberra FC into the top four a point clear of Weston Creek in fifth.

NEXT ROUND

Round 14

Sat 31 Jul KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Goulburn Strikers
McKellar Park

Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Canberra FC v Cooma Tigers
Deakin Stadium (Deakin Oval)

Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v ANU FC
Riverside Stadium

Sun 1 Aug KO 3pm Woden Valley v Canberra City
Woden Park Enclosed

Sun 1 Aug KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Tuggeranong Utd
Hawker Football Centre

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Canberra FC	13	8	5	0	41	10	+31	29
2 Belconnen United	13	9	2	2	36	19	+17	29
3 Cooma Tigers	13	6	4	3	28	16	+12	22
4 Canberra City	13	7	1	5	24	19	+5	22
5 Monaro Panthers	13	6	2	5	19	23	-4	20
6 Canberra Olympic	13	4	4	5	16	22	-6	16
7 Woden Valley	13	5	0	8	20	30	-10	15
8 Goulburn Strikers	13	3	3	7	23	23	0	12
9 ANU FC	13	3	0	10	13	33	-20	9
10 Tuggeranong United	13	2	3	8	16	41	-25	9

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Belwest Foxes	15	14	0	1	70	10	+60	42
2 Woden Valley	14	11	1	2	53	14	+39	33
3 Belconnen United	15	6	4	5	42	16	+26	22
4 Canberra FC	15	6	3	6	25	36	-11	22
5 Weston Creek	15	6	3	6	28	25	+3	21
6 Tuggeranong United	15	4	3	8	31	38	-6	15
7 ANU WFC	14	3	3	8	14	31	-17	12
8 Brindabella Blues	15	0	0	15	9	103	-94	0

ACT RESULTS

Tuggeranong United 1 (Mark Shields) Belconnen United 5 (Tai Smith (2), Danny Macor, Cameron Reinhart, David Kemp)

Canberra FC 1 (Matt Grbesa 90') Monaro Panthers 1 (Goran Veljanovski 85')

ANU FC 1 (Tom Rogic 67') Woden Valley 5 (Lukas Cole 4', Carlos Salazar 7', 70', Daryll Hall 69', Bensah Afiabo 79')

Cooma Tigers 5 (Marcial Munoz 6', Serdan Bircan 31', 71', Adrian Labutte 36', 65') Goulburn Strikers 0

Canberra City 6 (Obi Shadmaan 19', Misko Naumoski 21', 68', David Dexter 35', Pat Ross-Magee 77' 90+1') Canberra Olympic 2 (Oliver Wiederkehr 6', Domenic Giampaolo 13')

WPL

Belconnen United 2 (Maja Blasch 54', Lauren Keir 81) Weston Creek 0

Woden Valley 4 (Ashleigh Palombi (2), Hayley Hinde, Erin Clout) ANU WFC 2 (Aniek Schepens (2))

Belwest Foxes 5 (Cian Maciejewski (3), Katrina Staniforth, Sam Price) Tuggeranong United 0

Canberra FC 1 (Ashlea Bryant) Brindabella Blues 0

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Victorian Metropolitan League & Women's Results

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST: Oak Park 0 Heidelberg Stars 1 (AM Issa), Northern Utd 1 (C Dickson) Light Utd 2 (E Ozkan 2), Moreland Wolves 6 (J Dougall S Fantini MJ Raimondi S Jones 2 P Richman) Ascot Vale 1 (H Al Absawi), Altona North 2 (M Vassallo R Conte) Tullamarine Jets 1 (H Azer), Yarra Jets 4 (C Lenehan L Broderick 2 B Kaemmerling) Keon Park 0, Reserves: Oak Park 2 Heidelberg Stars 1, Northern Utd 2 Light Utd 0, Moreland Wolves 4 Ascot Vale 0, Altona North 1 Tullamarine Jets 1 (M Parlak), Yarra Jets 8 Keon Park 0

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Dandenong Warriors 2 Ringwood City 3, Endeavour Hills 2 (E Pham 2) St Kevins 0, Parkmore 3 (C Cicekdag) Caulfield Grammarians 2 (B Armstrong 2), Old Mentonians 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 1 (D Mayne), Reserves: Dandenong Warriors 1 Ringwood City 1, Endeavour Hills 0 St Kevins 3, Parkmore 2 Caulfield Grammarians 2, Old Mentonians 2 Harrisfield Hurricanes 4

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 1: South Springvale 1 (N Weragoda) Doncaster Rovers 1 (K Dixon), Monbulk 0 Bundoora Utd 1, South Yarra 1 (L Alonzo) Ballarat & District 4 (T Curtain D Martin BL Taylor), Uni. of Melbourne 2 (K Walters M Broadbent-Hogan) Whitehorse Utd 0, Brighton 0 Bayswater Strikers 5, Reserves: South Springvale 0 Doncaster Rovers 2, Monbulk 1 Bundoora Utd 4, South Yarra 1 Ballarat Lady Devils 1, Uni. of Melbourne 4 Whitehorse Utd 1, Brighton 1 Bayswater Strikers 1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 NORTH-WEST: Western Eagles 4 (S Sikic C Sliwinski 2 A Kezovska) Western Suburbs 0, Melbourne Bears 1 (C Akbulat) Darebin Falcons 0, Whittlesea Ranges FC 0 North Geelong Warriors 2

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST: North Caulfield 0 Sandringham 2 (S Rogers O Holway), Mooroolbark 4 (N Carusi A D'Ortenzio 3) Ashburton 1 (GT Fields), Albert Park 4 (S Baeck S Dillon 2 JM Bulloch) Berwick City 0, Noble Park 5 (A Vasiljevic M Van Der Heyde 3 S Radovic) Southern Suburbs 0, Monash University 0 Mornington 0

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Keilor Park 8 (D Lettieri 3 L Street M Emond 4) Diamond Valley Utd 0, Brunswick Zebras 3 (N Italiano L Johnston Y Mojica-Perez) Melton 1 (KK Thompson), Kyneton District 0 Old Carey 1 (E Jenkins), Sunshine George Cross 2 (J Galea T Papaluca) Eltham Redbacks 2 (L Peric 2), Yarra Jets 3 Maribyrnong Utd 0

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-EAST: Beaumaris 3 Knox City 4, Ashburton 2 Box Hill Inter 5 (P Wolff 3 J Tay 2), Seaford Utd 6 (R McGowan 2 A Piper) Langwarrin 0, South Melbourne 5 (D Kallianis) Endeavour Utd 1, East Bentleigh 0 Croydon City Arrows 5 (J McDonald G Coard E Ugrasbul C Christian)

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST: Melbourne Knights 5 Northern Roosters 0, Brunswick Zebras 8 (R King 3 EK Johns 5) Watsonia Heights 1, Mitchell Rangers 1 (E Foster) Fitzroy City 0, Brunswick City 9 (S Rawlings 2 N Lampard 3 B Carey) Plenty Valley Lions 0

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Monash University 0 Dandenong City 12, Endeavour Hills 4 Croydon City Arrows 1, Mooroolbark 8 (T Langton) Sandringham 0, Skye Utd 1 (K Babbage) Berwick City 2 (T Hakimi N Cosentino)

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CENTRAL: Sydenham Park 3 Sandringham 1, Monash University 3 (Y Cornthwaite 2 L Hardy) Port Melbourne 0,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 1: Cleeland Utd 2 Altona Lions 4, Kyneton District 1 Monash University 2, Doveton 3 Southern Suburbs 0, South Yarra 2 Juventus Old Boys 0,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 NORTH-WEST: Melbourne University 0 La Trobe University 1, Upfield 4 Collingwood City 2, Keilor Park 2 Essendon Utd 0

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST: Boroondara Eagles 2 Old Camberwell Grammar 5, South Yarra 1 Old Melburnians 2, Caulfield Grammarians 2 Nunawading City FC 2

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Kyneton District 0 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Hoppers Crossing 0 Melton 2,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-EAST: Bayside Argonauts 1 Riversdale 2, Central Park Rangers 0 Old Haileybury 1

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 4 NORTH-WEST: Eltham Redback FC 1 Watsonia Heights 0, Altona City 4 Brimbank Stallions 1, Kyneton District 2 Uni. of Melbourne 0,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 4 SOUTH-EAST: South Yarra 3 Beaumaris 3,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 5 NORTH-WEST: Kyneton District 1 Uni. of Melbourne 1, Melbourne Bears 4 Keon Park 1, Melbourne University 0 Altona City 5

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 5 SOUTH-EAST: Middle Park FC 2 East Bentleigh 1, Keysborough 1 Old Carey 3,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIVISION 6: Sandringham City 2 1 Sandringham City 1 7,

MENS MASTERS NORTH-WEST: Heidelberg Utd 3 Whittlesea Zebras 2,

MENS MASTERS SOUTH-EAST: Southern Suburbs North Caulfield ,

MENS MASTERS CENTRAL: Caulfield Cobras 0 Beaumaris 6, Middle Park FC 3 Ashburton 0,

Mens Metropolitan League North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Wolves	15	9	3	3	36	16	30
Heidelberg Stars	15	9	3	3	27	19	30
Tullamarine Jets	15	8	4	3	33	18	28
Light Utd	15	7	4	4	26	23	25
Yarra Jets	15	6	4	5	36	27	22
Altona North	15	5	5	5	29	29	20
Oak Park	15	6	6	3	39	25	18
Keon Park	15	3	2	10	24	53	11
Northern Utd	15	2	3	10	18	32	9
Ascot Vale	15	1	4	10	13	39	7

Mens Metropolitan League North-West Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars	15	10	4	1	50	25	34
Light Utd	15	10	2	3	43	23	32
Northern Utd	15	10	1	4	41	24	31
Moreland Wolves	15	9	2	4	46	23	29
Tullamarine Jets	15	7	4	4	37	30	25
Oak Park	15	8	1	6	34	30	25
Yarra Jets	15	4	4	7	36	34	15
Altona North	15	3	3	9	24	43	11
Ascot Vale	15	2	3	10	18	40	9
Keon Park	15	0	0	15	17	74	0

Mens Metropolitan League South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Middle Park FC	12	9	2	1	37	12	29
Harrisfield Hurricanes	13	7	4	2	30	20	25
Dandenong Warriors	12	7	3	2	28	19	24
Parkmore	13	7	1	5	24	21	22
Ringwood City	13	5	2	6	21	32	17
Old Mentonians	12	3	4	5	17	18	13
Endeavour Hills	14	3	3	8	22	28	12
Caulfield Grammarians	14	2	5	7	17	25	11
St Kevins	13	2	2	9	20	41	8

Mens Metropolitan League South-East Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Middle Park FC	12	11	1	0	56	7	34
Ringwood City	13	8	3	2	29	17	27
Dandenong Warriors	12	8	2	2	31	22	26
Harrisfield Hurricanes	13	4	3	6	22	22	15
St Kevins	13	3	4	6	15	22	13
Endeavour Hills	14	4	1	9	17	42	13
Caulfield Grammarians	14	3	3	8	25	37	12
Parkmore	13	3	3	7	18	30	12
Old Mentonians	12	3	2	7	21	35	11

Womens State League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	13	11	0	2	45	13	33
Doncaster Rovers	13	9	3	1	39	10	30
Ballarat & District	13	9	2	2	41	15	29
Uni. of Melbourne	13	8	1	4	31	18	25
Bayswater Strikers	13	7	1	5	37	28	22
South Springvale	13	5	1	7	25	24	16
Monbulk	13	4	4	5	15	14	16
Whitehorse Utd	13	2	3	8	22	39	9
Brighton	13	1	1	11	8	49	4
South Yarra	13	1	0	12	9	62	3

Womens State League Div 1 Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	13	13	0	0	50	1	39
Bundoora Utd	13	10	2	1	53	8	32
Uni. of Melbourne	13	7	4	2	37	16	25
South Springvale	13	6	3	4	21	19	21
Bayswater Strikers	12	6	1	5	35	25	19
Monbulk	13	5	3	5	18	19	18
Whitehorse Utd	13	3	1	9	16	33	10
Brighton	13	1	6	6	10	37	9
Ballarat Lady Devils	12	1	2	9	8	28	5
South Yarra	13	0	2	11	5	67	2

Womens State League Div 2 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea	12	9	3	0	42	7	30
Western Eagles	13	9	1	3	51	10	28
La Trobe University	11	9	0	2	38	9	27
FC Bulleen Lions	11	8	2	1	31	7	26
North Geelong Warriors	13	8	1	4	31	10	25
Western Suburbs	13	5	1	7	18	27	16
Darebin Falcons	12	2	1	9	13	42	7
Melbourne Bears	13	1	1	11	5	63	4
Whittlesea Ranges FC	13	0	1	12	9	58	1

Womens State League Div 2 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albert Park	13	9	1	3	45	14	28
Sandringham	13	8	4	1	32	11	28
Berwick City	13	6	1	6	32	22	19
Noble Park	13	6	1	6	29	32	19
Southern Suburbs	13	5	4	4	20	23	19
Mornington	13	4	5	4	15	18	17
Mooroolbark	13	4	3	6	16	31	15
Ashburton	13	3	5	5	15	23	14
North Caulfield	13	3	2	8	19	41	11
Monash University	13	1	6	6	17	25	9

Womens State League Div 3 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	13	12	0	1	89	21	36
Yarra Jets	13	11	1	1	43	14	34
Brunswick Zebras	13	9	3	1	33	16	30
Diamond Valley Utd	13	7	1	5	34	27	22
Eltham Redbacks	13	5	2	6	33	25	17
Sunshine George Cross	13	5	2	6	24	25	17
Melton	13	5	1	7	18	31	16
Old Carey	13	4	0	9	22	51	12
Kyneton District	13	2	0	11	10	48	6
Maribyrnong Utd	13	0	0	13	9	57	0

Womens State League Div 3 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford Utd	13	10	1	2	59	7	31
Box Hill Inter	13	10	1	2	58	13	31
South Melbourne	13	9	2	2	59	23	29
Croydon City Arrows	13	7	2	4	29	18	23
Langwarrin	13	6	4	3	39	23	22
Endeavour Utd	13	5	1	7	36	44	16
Knox City	13	3	6	4	21	27	15
Ashburton	13	3	1	9	30	47	10
Beaumaris	13	1	1	11	22	76	4
East Bentleigh	13	1	1	11	10	85	4

Womens Metropolitan League North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	13	13	0	0	102	7	39
Brunswick Zebras	13	9	0	4	58	32	27
Mitchell Rangers	13	8	2	3	35	16	26
Melbourne Knights	13	7	3	3	43	14	24
Fitzroy City	13	7	3	3	33	13	24
Watsonia Heights	14	5	1	8	24	42	16
Plenty Valley Lions	13	5	0	8	16	43	15
Tullamarine Jets	13	4	1	8	30	35	13
Yarra Jets	12	2	0	10	19	61	6
Northern Roosters	13	0	0	13	3	100	0

Womens Metropolitan League South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	13	13	0	0	81	11	39
Dandenong City	13	11	0	2	88	14	33
Kingston City	12	8	2	2	39	13	26
Eltham Redbacks	12	6	2	4	19	23	20
Endeavour Hills	13	6	1	6	41	29	19
Mooroolbark	13	5	2	6	23	33	17
Skye Utd	13	4	1	8	15	38	13
Croydon City Arrows	13	3	1	9	17	46	10
Sandringham	13	3	1	9	14	69	10
Monash University	13	0	0	13	4	65	0

Womens Metropolitan League Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham	13	10	1	2	40	16	31
Sydenham Park	13	9	1	3	48	21	28
Whittlesea Zebras	12	7	4	1	30	11	25
Uni. of Melbourne	12	7	1	4	25	17	22
Port Melbourne	13	4	3	6	9	23	15
Monash University	13	4	3	6	15	30	15
Bayside Argonauts	12	4	0	8	27	30	12
Elwood City	12	3	3	6	12	18	12
Albert Park	12	2	2	8	8	32	8
Swinburne University WSC	12	1	4	7	13	29	4

Mens Thirds League Div 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	13	10	2	1	57	11	32
Cleeland Utd	13	10	2	1	40	15	32
Kyneton District	12	7	4	1	31	11	25
Altona Lions	13	7	0	6	34	33	21
Doveton	13	6	2	5	26	24	20
Marcellin Old Collegians	12	4	2	6	24	37	14
La Trobe University	12	4	1	7	35	41	13
Juventus Old Boys	13	3	3	7	28	43	12
Southern Suburbs	13	1	3	9	14	49	6
Monash University	12	1	1	10	16	41	4

Mens Thirds League Div 2 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	12	9	3	0	42	11	30
La Trobe University	13	9	1	3	24	16	28
Mitchell Rangers	12	8	2	2	26	9	26
Glenroy	12	8	0	4	32	18	24
Keilor Park	13	5	3	5	30	26	18
Melbourne University	13	4	3	6	17	19	15
Upfield	13	3	3	7	21	33	12
Moreland City	12	2	5	5	13	18	11
Collingwood City	13	2	2	9	23	41	8
Essendon Utd	13	1	2	10	12	49	5

Mens Thirds League Div 2 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield Grammarians	13	9	3	1	40	28	30
Bayside Argonauts	11	9	1	1	28	8	28
South Yarra	13	7	4	2	27	13	25
Old Melburnians	12	5	5	2	25	22	20
Boroondara Eagles	13	4	2	7	19	28	14
Old Camberwell Grammar	12	3	4	5	30	29	13
Nunawading City FC	13	3	3	7	31	36	12
Berwick City	11	4	0	7	21	30	12
Central Park AC Malvern	12	3	1	8	22	34	10
Old Scotch	12	2	1	9	16	31	7

Mens Thirds League Div 3 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	12	8	2	2	56	25	26
Plenty Valley Lions	12	8	1	3	31	24	25
Werribee City	12	7	3	2	37	22	24
Lalor	12	7	1	4	27	26	22
Kyneton District	12	6	2	4	27	18	20
Melton	13	5	1	7	17	40	16
Hoppers Crossing	13	3	4	6	27	28	13
Uni. of Melbourne	12	4	1	7	21	24	13
Melbourne Lions	12	3	1	8	16	26	10
La Trobe University	12	2	0	10	18	44	6

Mens Thirds League Div 3 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Haileybury	13	11	0	2	41	7	33
Riversdale	13	10	1	2	44	25	31
Brandon Park	12	8	1	3	39	13	25
RMIT Redbacks	12	7	0	5	44	21	21
Central Park Rangers	13	7	0	6	25	23	21
Melbourne University	12	5	0	7	22	45	15
Monash University	12	4	1	7	26	23	13
Old Melburnians	12	3	2	7	25	35	11
Old Trinity Grammarians	12	2	1	9	14	57	7
Bayside Argonauts	13	1	2	10	14	45	5

Mens Thirds League Div 4 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	12	11	1	0	53	9	34
Brimbank Stallions	12	9	1	2	36	20	28
Kyneton District	11	7	1	3	32	19	22
Cairnlea	11	6	1	4	41	25	19
Diamond Valley Utd	11	5	1	5	23	29	16
Williamstown	11	4	2	5	27	35	14
Eltham Redback FC	12	3	2	7	21	36	11
Uni. of Melbourne	11	2	3	6	25	30	9
Watsonia Heights	12	0	0	12	6	52	0

Mens Thirds League Div 4 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	13	10	3	0	54	15	33
Beaumaris	13	9	3	1	36	16	29
Caulfield Cobras	12	7	1	4	29	20	21
Marcellin Eagles	12	5	4	3	27	29	19
Ashburton	12	5	2	5	24	28	17
Old Melburnians	12	4	3	5	26	27	15
Monash University	12	4	2	6	26	29	14
Elwood City	12	4	1	7	23	31	13
Old Scotch	12	1	2	9	14	34	5
RMIT Redbacks	12	1	1	10	15	45	4

Mens Thirds League Div 5 North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Bears	13	12	1	0	72	8	37
Altona City	13	11	2	0	58	9	35
Keon Park	13	8	1	4	32	25	25
Heidelberg Utd	12	5	3	4	26	21	18
North Sunshine Eagles	11	5	3	3	26	22	18
Moreland Wolves	12	5	1	6	31	40	16
Uni. of Melbourne	12	3	1	8	19	49	10
Kyneton District	12	2	3	7	13	25	9
Melbourne University	12	1	2	9	15	43	5
Mitchell Rangers	12	0	1	11	11	61	1

Mens Thirds League Div 5 South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Middle Park FC	12	10	0	2	53	15	30
Dandenong Thunder	10	9	0	1	61	8	27
Frankston Pines	10	8	0	2	34	18	24
East Bentleigh	12	5	1	6	31	33	16
Bunyip & District Soccer Club	11	4	3	4	26	32	15
Old Brighton Grammarians	11	4	1	6	25	39	13
Old Carey	11	4	0	7	23	40	12
Keysborough	12	2	1	9	19	54	7
Eltham Redback FC	11	1	0	10	9	42	3

Mens Thirds League Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City 1	12	8	4	0	55	14	28
Brimbank Stallions	10	7	1	2	32	16	22
Moreland Utd	11	6	4	1	29	18	19
Sandringham City 2	12	6	1	5	40	41	19
Western Eagles	10	6	0	4	30	21	18
Carlton Youth	11	6	2	3	30	24	14
Beaumaris	11	4	1	6	24	27	13
Uni. of Melbourne	11	4	0	7	17	28	12
Old Scotch	11	2	1	8	10	36	7
Epping City	10	2	0	8	20	29	6
Springvale City	11	2	0	9	22	55	6
Dandenong Sparrows	0				0	0	0

Mens Masters North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy City	12	10	2	0	57	21	32
Moreland City	12	8	2	2	41	16	26
Whittlesea Zebras	13	6	2	5	28	17	20
Banyule City	12	6	1	5	28	31	19
Heidelberg Utd	13	4	2	7	33	37	14
Doc Utd	13	3	3	7	24	33	12
Avondale Heights	13	3	3	7	19	51	12
Whittlesea Utd	12	2	1	9	19	43	7

Mens Masters South-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	10	7	0	3	22	15	21
Bayside Argonauts	9	6	1	2	18	13	19
North Caulfield	12	6	1	5	36	32	18
Southern Suburbs	10	5	3	2	20	12	17
White Star Dandenong	11	5	2	4	29	22	17
Glen Waverley	11	2	0	9	21	30	6
Kingston City	9	1	1	7	14	36	4

Mens Masters Central

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	11	8	2	1	37	8	26
Juventus Old Boys	11	7	2	2	27	22	23
Eastern Lions	11	6	4	1	28	14	22
Beaumaris	12	6	0	6	32	29	18
Collingwood City	10	5	2	3	26	23	17
Middle Park FC	12	4	3	5	28	27	15
Ashburton	13	4	2	7	24	34	14
Brighton	11	3	1	7	27	24	10
Caulfield Cobras	11	0	0	11	9	57	0

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Boys 18 Blue: Melbourne Phoenix 0 North Caulfield 3, Bentleigh Greens 2 GRFA 2, Fawkner 2 Dandenong City 1, Springvale White Eagles 2 Brunswick Zebras 2, Malvern City 2 Whittlesea Zebras 4

Boys 18 Central - Northern: Sunshine George Cross 1 Heidelberg Stars 0, South Melbourne Bye , Port Melbourne Pascoe Vale , Bye Carlton Youth , Whittlesea Ranges FC Northern Utd

Boys 18 Eastern- North-East: Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Manningham 1, DOC Utd Whitehorse Utd , Ringwood City Ashburton , Doncaster Rovers 4 Glen Waverley 1

Boys 18 Purple: South Melbourne Richmond , Sunshine George Cross 5 Northcote City 0, Green Gully Cavaliers Dandenong Thunder , Oakleigh Cannons 3 Heidelberg Utd 0, FC Bulleen Lions Altona Magic

Boys 18 South-East - Eastern: East Bentleigh 1 Southern Suburbs 6, Bentleigh Greens 0 Brighton 0, Manningham 6 Bayside Argonauts 1, Eastern Lions Oakleigh Cannons , FC Bulleen Lions 5 Riversdale 3

Boys 18 Southern: Baxter 0 Berwick City 13, Bayside Knights Springvale City , South Eastern Piranhas 2 Casey Comets 0, Brandon Park 2 Frankston Pines 4, Endeavour Utd 7 Peninsula 0

Boys 18 Western - North-West: Keilor Park 2 Werribee City 1, Brimbank Stallions Moreland Utd , Essendon Royals 2 Ballarat & District 2, Moreland City 1 Brunswick City 2, Bacchus Marsh Altona City

Boys Central - North 12 A: Preston Lions Malvern City , Richmond 5 FC Birrarung 0, Lalor Utd 0 Watsonia Heights 1, South Yarra 1 South Melbourne 4, Bundoora Utd Epping City

Boys Central - North 12 B: Whittlesea Zebras Yarraville Glory , Richmond 2 19 Alphington 1, Whittlesea Ranges FC 5 Epping City 0, Heidelberg Stars Richmond 1 , Lalor Northcote City

Boys Central - North 12 C: Diamond Valley Utd 1 Bundoora Utd 3, Bye Sporting Whittlesea , Epping City 6 South Yarra 0, Melbourne Lions Richmond , Yarra Jets 1 9 Heidelberg Stars 0, Yarra Jets 2 3 Mitchell Rangers 0

Boys Central - North 13 A: Richmond Heidelberg Utd , Whittlesea Ranges FC 6 Epping City 1, South Yarra Bye , Alphington 0 South Melbourne 4

Boys Central - North 13 B: Mitchell Rangers Yarra Jets 2 , Whittlesea Ranges FC 4 Eltham Redback FC 0, Heidelberg Stars Yarra Jets 1 , Malvern City 1 Port Melbourne 2, Watsonia Heights 2 Plenty Valley Lions 2, Yarraville Glory Maribyrnong Greens , Bundoora Utd FC Clifton Hill

Boys Central - North 14 A: Richmond 1 11 Yarra Jets 0, Richmond 2 0 Whittlesea Ranges FC 4, Diamond Valley Utd South Melbourne , Northcote City 7 Preston Lions 4

Boys Central - North 14 B: Heidelberg Utd 3 Richmond 2, Whittlesea Ranges FC 5 Watsonia Heights 0, Plenty Valley Lions 2 Alphington 3, South Yarra 4 Heidelberg Stars 0, Keon Park 2 Bundoora Utd 1

Boys Central - North 15 A: Preston Lions 4 Banyule City 0, Richmond 3 Whittlesea Ranges FC 2, Heidelberg Stars Yarra Jets , Bundoora Utd Bye

Boys Central - North 15 B: South Melbourne Richmond , Diamond Valley Utd 1 3 Bundoora Utd 3, Diamond Valley Utd 2 4 Alphington 1, Maribyrnong Greens 0 Northcote City 2

Boys Central - North 16 A: Richmond 1 6 Whittlesea Ranges FC 0, South Melbourne Preston Lions , FC Clifton Hill 2 Malvern City 3, Bye Epping City , Bundoora Utd Richmond 2

Boys Central - North 16 B: Richmond Yarraville Glory , Yarraville Glory Heidelberg Utd , Bundoora Utd Yarra Jets

Boys East - North East 12 A: FC Bulleen Lions 6 Ashburton 0, Eastern Lions 2 Doncaster Rovers 2, Glen Waverley 0 Box Hill Inter 0, Knox City 3 Monash City 0

Boys East - North East 12 B: FC Bulleen Lions 1 Oakleigh Cannons 1, Manningham 1 Nunawading City FC 3, Riversdale 1 Ashburton 4, Doncaster Rovers Boroondara Eagles , Eltham Redback FC 2 Mooroolbark 1

Boys East - North East 12 C: Bye Doncaster Rovers , Boronia 3 DOC Utd 2, Knox City 4 Eltham Redback FC 0, Knox Utd 0 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Waverley Victory 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 3

Boys East - North East 12 D: East Kew 0 Riversdale 5, Oakleigh Cannons 0 Whitehorse Utd 0, Ashburton Bye , Boroondara Eagles 4 Ashburton 1, Croydon City Arrows 3 Glen Waverley 0

Boys East - North East 12 E: Boronia 4 Ashburton 0, Montrose 14 Mooroolbark 0, Bunyip & District Soccer Club Bye

Boys East - North East 13 A: FC Bulleen Lions 3 Oakleigh Cannons 0, Eastern Lions 2 Knox Utd 0, Ashburton 0 Whitehorse Utd 1, Doncaster Rovers 2 Box Hill Inter 7, Knox City 2 Monash City 3

Boys East - North East 13 B: FC Bulleen Lions 6 Sherbrooke Rangers 3, Box Hill Inter 1 Eltham Redback FC 1, Brandon Park 1 Boroondara Eagles 0, Croydon City Arrows 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Nunawading City FC 6 Ringwood City 0

Boys East - North East 13 C: FC Bulleen Lions 8 Croydon City Arrows 0, Manningham 1 Glen Waverley 0, Ashburton 1 Boroondara Eagles 1, Glen Waverley 1 Oakleigh Cannons 0, Waverley Wanderers 0 Mooroolbark 1, Whitehorse Utd 1 Knox City 1, DOC Utd Cardinia Utd

Boys East - North East 14 A: Riversdale 0 Nunawading City FC 0, Ashburton 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Doncaster Rovers 0 Box Hill Inter 2

Boys East - North East 14 B: FC Bulleen Lions 1 Oakleigh Cannons 0, Croydon City Arrows 2 Mooroolbark 1, Doncaster Rovers Whitehorse Utd , Glen Waverley 3 Boroondara Eagles 1

Boys East - North East 14 C: Doncaster Rovers 4 Eltham Redback FC 0, Eastern Lions 5 Glen Waverley 1, Ashburton Ringwood City , Boroondara Eagles 2 Knox City 3, Croydon City Arrows 0 Riversdale 0

Boys East - North East 14 D: Doncaster Rovers 0 DOC Utd 13, Boronia Rowville Eagles , Whitehorse Utd 0 Bunyip & District Soccer Club 11, Ashburton Glen Waverley

Boys East - North East 15 A: FC Bulleen Lions 0 Oakleigh Cannons 2, Croydon City Arrows 0 Glen Waverley 1, Doncaster Rovers 2 Box Hill Inter 3, Knox City 0 Monash City 8, Mooroolbark 0 Riversdale 0

Boys East - North East 15 B: Eastern Lions 1 Ringwood City 2, Ashburton FC Bulleen Lions , Boroondara Eagles 0 Manningham 2, Croydon City Arrows Knox Utd , Bye Sherbrooke Rangers

Boys East - North East 15 C: Oakleigh Cannons 0 Whitehorse Utd 1, Riversdale 0 Eltham Redback FC 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 Brandon Park 3, Rowville Eagles DOC Utd

Boys East - North East 15 D: Boroondara Eagles Ashburton , Glen Waverley 2 Mooroolbark 1 1, Knox Utd 1 9 Eastern Lions 1, Knox Utd 2 1 Boronia 2, Mooroolbark 2 0 Manningham 16

Boys East - North East 16 A: Riversdale 3 Oakleigh Cannons 0, Knox City 3 Glen Waverley 2, Ringwood City Box Hill Inter , DOC Utd FC Bulleen Lions

Boys East - North East 16 B: Bye Croydon City Arrows , Boroondara Eagles 1 Doncaster Rovers 6, Glen Waverley 1 Eastern Lions 6, Mooroolbark 2 Eltham Redback FC 4, Nunawading City FC 12 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Rowville Eagles Waverley Wanderers , Whitehorse Utd Knox City

Boys North West 12 A: Avondale Heights Light Utd , Brunswick City Pascoe Vale , Essendon Royals Bye , Fawkner 3 Hume Utd 0, Moreland City 1 Brunswick Zebras 5

Boys North West 12 B: Gisborne 2 Brunswick City 0, Moreland City 0 Hume Utd 3, North City Lions Upfield , Moreland Wolves 1 Fawkner 11, Brunswick Zebras 2 Essendon Royals 2

Boys North West 13 A: Brunswick City Fawkner , Essendon Royals 3 Melbourne Phoenix 0, Hume Utd 0 Brunswick Zebras 7, North City Lions 2 Light Utd 2, Bye Moreland Utd

Boys North West 13 B: Sunbury Utd 0 Pascoe Vale 0, Avondale Heights 1 Northern Utd 0, Meadow Park Eagles North Lions , Moreland Wolves 1 Brunswick Zebras 1 2, Brunswick Zebras 2 0 Essendon Royals 6

Boys North West 14 A: Brunswick City Essendon Royals , Light Utd 4 Brunswick Zebras 0, Moreland Utd Moreland City , Melbourne Phoenix 1 Greenvale Utd 1

Boys North West 14 B: Avondale Heights 1 Pascoe Vale 3, Gisborne Upfield , Moreland City 1 Hume Utd 3, North City Lions Bye , Brunswick Zebras 4 Essendon Royals 3

Boys North West 15 A: Bye Fawkner , Moreland City 0 Brunswick Zebras 1 7, North City Lions 2 Light Utd 7, Brunswick Zebras 2 14 Moreland Utd 0

Boys North West 16 A: Brunswick City Moreland Wolves , Gisborne Greenvale Utd , Brunswick Zebras 0 Fawkner 4, Melbourne Phoenix 4 Essendon Royals 1

Boys North West 16 B: North City Lions 4 Brunswick Zebras 3, Sunbury Utd Gisborne , Upfield 2 Fawkner 1, Hume City Greenvale Utd

Boys West-North West 12 C: Essendon Royals 1 Point Cook FC 1, Hoppers Crossing Melton , Satellite City Utd Bacchus Marsh , Werribee City 0 Greenvale Utd 2, Spring Hills 1 Meadow Park Eagles 5

Boys West-North West 15 B: Avondale Heights 0 Essendon Royals 1, Brunswick City Werribee City , Williamstown 1 Fawkner 3, Spring Hills 2 Essendon Utd 5, Bacchus Marsh 3 Brunswick Zebras 2

Boys South East 12 A: Bentleigh Greens 9 Brighton 1 0, East Bentleigh 1 Sandringham City 6, Hampton 4 North Caulfield 0, Brighton 2 1 Brighton 3 1, Bayside Knights Bye

Boys South East 12 B: East Bentleigh 0 Bayside Argonauts 5, Caulfield Cobras Glen Eira 2 , Hampton 0 Beaumaris 1, Sandringham City 0 Aspendale 11, Brighton 2 4 Glen Eira 1 0

Boys South East 12 C: Beaumaris 0 Brighton 4, Southern Stars North Caulfield , Aspendale Bentleigh Greens , Bayside Argonauts Bye

Boys South East 13 A: Bentleigh Greens 0 East Bentleigh 4, North Caulfield 1 Sandringham City 3, Glen Eira Brighton , Sandringham City 0 Hampton 2

Boys South East 13 B: Hampton East Bentleigh , Sandringham City 0 Aspendale 1, Brighton 2 Caulfield Cobras 3, Brighton 0 Beaumaris 2, Bayside Knights 0 Brighton 13

Boys South East 14 A: East Bentleigh 0 Bentleigh Greens 11, Beaumaris 0 Brighton 2, Hampton North Caulfield , Brighton Caulfield Cobras , Bye Sandringham City

Boys South East 14 B: Bentleigh Greens 6 East Bentleigh 2, North Caulfield 2 4 Beaumaris 1 2, Hampton North Caulfield 1 , Sandringham City 1 1 Beaumaris 2 2, Sandringham City 2 1 Brighton 2

Boys South East 15 A: East Bentleigh 3 Bentleigh Greens 0, Bye Sandringham City , Brighton 0 Bentleigh Greens 1

Boys South East 15 B: Glen Eira Beaumaris , Hampton 4 Glen Eira 1, Brighton 2 East Bentleigh 1

Boys South East 16 A: Bentleigh Greens 1 Brighton 3, North Caulfield 8 Caulfield Cobras 1, Hampton 1 Beaumaris 1, Brighton Bentleigh Greens , Bayside Knights 7 East Bentleigh 2

Boys South-South East 13 C: Frankston Pines Brighton , Dandenong City 2 Beaumaris 1, Keysborough 6 Kingston City 0, Lyndale Utd 0 Berwick City 4, Casey Comets 1 Bayside Argonauts 3, Aspendale 0 North Caulfield 1

Boys South-South East 16 B: East Bentleigh 0 Hampton 3, North Caulfield Peninsula , Southern Stars Heatherton Utd , Brighton Berwick City

Boys South 12 A: Doveton 2 Dandenong Thunder 3, Peninsula Bye , South Eastern Piranhas 3 Berwick City 0, Mornington 1 Dandenong City 2

Boys South 12 B: Endeavour Utd 0 Langwarrin 2, Hampton Park Utd Doveton , Peninsula 0 Berwick City 3, Mornington Baxter

Boys South 12 C: Casey Panthers 3 Carrum Utd 0, Keysborough 1 Heatherton Utd 2, Peninsula 0 Westernport 2, Mornington 0 Berwick City 7, James Cook FC 2 Berwick City 1

Boys South 13 A: Hampton Park Utd Doveton , Springvale White Eagles 3 Langwarrin 2, South Eastern Piranhas 5 Berwick City 2, Mornington 1 Dandenong City 1

Boys South 13 B: Casey Comets 4 Carrum Utd 0, Langwarrin 5 Baxter 1, Peninsula Endeavour Utd , White Star Dandenong Berwick City , Mornington 1 Southern Stars 4

Boys South 14 A: Dandenong Thunder Bye , Hampton Park Utd Doveton , Peninsula 2 Berwick City 0, South Eastern Piranhas 1 South Springvale 1, Mornington 3 Casey Comets 1

Boys South 14 B: Carrum Utd Langwarrin , Keysborough 2 Lyndale Utd 2, Peninsula 0 Doveton 3, Seaford Utd 3 Berwick City 0

Boys South 14 C: Dandenong City 8 Westernport 1, Dandenong Warriors Baxter , Hampton Park Utd Casey Panthers , Rosebud Casey Comets

Boys South 15 A: Dandenong Thunder Bye , Endeavour Utd 0 Berwick City 10, Keysborough 0 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Peninsula 2 Doveton 0, Springvale White Eagles 0 Dandenong City 5

Boys South 15 B: Casey Comets 0 Berwick City 0, Baxter Carrum Utd , Endeavour Utd 8 Peninsula 1, Langwarrin 15 Frankston Pines 1, James Cook FC 1 Mornington 5

Boys South 16 A: Hampton Park Utd Bye , Keysborough 4 South Eastern Piranhas 7, Langwarrin 1 Casey Comets 2, White Star Dandenong Berwick City , Mornington 1 Peninsula 4

Boys West 12 A: Green Gully Cavaliers St Albans Saints , Brimbank Stallions Hoppers Crossing , Keilor Park North Geelong Warriors , Sydenham Park 0 Melbourne Knights 4, Ballarat Academy of Soccer Altona City

Boys West 12 B: Green Gully Cavaliers Spring Hills , Bye Sunshine Heights , Bell Park 3 Altona City 8, Keilor Park 2 3 Cairnlea 2, Laverton Park Keilor Park 1

Boys West 13 A: Green Gully Cavaliers St Albans Saints , Sunshine George Cross 5 Hoppers Crossing 1, Brimbank City 2 Melbourne Knights 4, Keilor Park 1 Altona City 0, Werribee City 2 Brimbank Stallions 1

Boys West 13 B: Green Gully Cavaliers Altona East Phoenix , Brimbank Stallions Keilor Park , Laverton Park 1 Williamstown 2, GRFA Ballarat Academy of Soccer , Bye Cairnlea

Boys West 13 C: Oak Park SC Westvale , Hoppers Crossing Spring Hills , North Geelong Warriors 2 Sunshine George Cross 1, Bye Williamstown

Boys West 14 A: Altona Magic Altona City , Green Gully Cavaliers Ballarat Academy of Soccer , Keilor Park 2 Cairnlea 2, Bye Melbourne Knights

Boys West 14 B: Green Gully Cavaliers St Albans Saints , Brimbank Stallions 3 Williamstown 0, Bye Keilor Park , Sydenham Park 0 Sunshine Heights 1, Keilor Wolves 1 Cairnlea 4

Boys West 14 C: Altona City 2 Williamstown 1, Melton 2 Satellite City Utd 0, Werribee City 2 Western Eagles 0, Point Cook FC Bye

Boys West 15 A: Altona City 2 Green Gully Cavaliers 0, Brimbank City 0 GRFA 4, Geelong Ballarat Academy of Soccer , Keilor Park Sunshine George Cross

Boys West 15 B: Green Gully Cavaliers Sydenham Park , Sunshine George Cross 2 Hoppers Crossing 3, Brimbank Stallions 2 Altona City 1, Werribee City 2 Keilor Park 3, North Lions Williamstown

Boys West 16 A: Green Gully Cavaliers Altona East Phoenix , Keilor Park 3 Sunshine George Cross 1, Sydenham Park 0 Melbourne Knights 1, Werribee City 2 North Geelong Warriors 1, Westgate Sunshine Heights

Boys West 16 B: Bye Keilor Park , Melton 0 Williamstown 4, Satellite City Utd Hoppers Crossing , Western Eagles St Albans Saints , Spring Hills Bye

Girls Central - North East - East 18: Bye Whitehorse Utd 1 , Richmond 8 Yarra Jets 0, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Boroondara Eagles 0, Whitehorse Utd 2 8 Knox City 0

Girls North West 12 A: Box Hill Inter 3 Ashburton 0, Whitehorse Utd Banyule City , Bundoora Utd FC Bulleen Lions , Richmond 0 St Albans Saints 1, Richmond Boroondara Eagles

Girls North West 12 B: Brunswick Zebras Green Gully Cavaliers , Watsonia Heights 1 Kensington JGSC 1, Essendon Royals 0 Alphington 0, Diamond Valley Utd 1 Eltham Redback FC 0, Pascoe Vale 5 Keilor Park 0

Girls South East - South 18 : Bye East Bentleigh 1 , Springvale White Eagles 4 Langwarrin 0, Hampton Park Utd Casey Comets , Brighton 0 East Bentleigh 2 2

Girls South East 12 A: Bye Berwick City , Sandringham 4 Ringwood City 0, North Caulfield 1 Brighton 5, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Peninsula 2

Girls South East 12 B: Glen Waverley Bye , Aspendale 1 Waverley Victory 3, Bayside Knights 0 Casey Panthers 6, Brighton 0 Sandringham 5

Girls West - North West - North 18: Keilor Wolves 2 Brunswick Zebras 1, Hoppers Crossing 3 Gisborne 0, Sunbury Utd 0 Ballarat & District 12, Bundoora Utd Keilor Park , Pascoe Vale 3 Epping City 0

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 A: Boroondara Eagles 0 Ashburton 1, Boroondara Eagles 5 FC Clifton Hill 1, Malvern City 2 Croydon City Arrows 1, FC Bulleen Lions 6 Oakleigh Cannons 0

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 B: Ashburton 1 3 Kensington JGSC 1, South Melbourne 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Box Hill Inter 3 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Croydon City Arrows Knox City , Boroondara Eagles Ashburton 2 , Eltham Redback FC Glen Waverley

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 A: Ashburton 1 Boroondara Eagles 1, Mooroolbark 1 Knox City 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Croydon City Arrows Doncaster Rovers , Whitehorse Utd Kensington JGSC

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 B: Nunawading City FC 3 Ashburton 5, South Melbourne 3 Boroondara Eagles 2 2, Box Hill Inter 3 Alphington 0, Oakleigh Cannons 2 Boroondara Eagles 1 3

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 C: Greenvale Utd DOC Utd , Glen Waverley 1 Watsonia Heights 0, FC Bulleen Lions 2 Waverley Victory 2, Oakleigh Cannons 0 Brandon Park 1

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 D: Eastern Lions 1 Boronia 0, South Yarra Yarra Jets , Eltham Redback FC Croydon City Arrows

Girls South East - South 13-14 A: North Caulfield 0 Brighton 4, Hampton Peninsula , Carrum Utd Bye , Sandringham Berwick City

Girls South East - South 13-14 B: Carrum Utd 0 Casey Panthers 1, North Caulfield 2 Sandringham 1 2, Mornington 7 Hampton 0, Sandringham 2 4 Brighton 1 0, Brighton 2 0 Southern Stars 2

Girls South East - South 13-14 C: Sandringham 0 Glen Eira 0, East Bentleigh 3 Mornington 0, Rosebud Endeavour Utd , Oakleigh Cannons 3 Langwarrin 0, Yarra Jets Berwick City , White Star Dandenong Seaford Utd

Girls South East - South 15-16 A: Glen Eira Bye , North Caulfield 0 Sandringham 4, Carrum Utd Baxter , Mornington Southern Stars , Peninsula Dandenong City

Girls South East - South 15-16 B: Bayside Knights 0 Langwarrin 7, Brighton Mornington , North Caulfield 2 Peninsula 3, Carrum Utd 1 Casey Panthers 0, Sandringham 2 Noble Park 4

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 A: Essendon Royals Brunswick Zebras , Bundoora Utd Green Gully Cavaliers , Sunbury Utd 0 Keilor Park 11, Watsonia Heights 3 St Albans Saints 1, Pascoe Vale 0 Banyule City 2

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 B: Sydenham Park 2 Brunswick Zebras 1, Keilor Park 6 Cairnlea 0, Williamstown 1 Bundoora Utd 2, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Yarra Jets 0

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 A: Heidelberg Utd 3 Keilor Park 6, Sydenham Park 5 Werribee City 0, Bye Brunswick Zebras , Essendon Royals 4 Bundoora Utd 0, Whittlesea Ranges FC 5 Banyule City 0

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 B: Cairnlea Altona City , Whittlesea Utd Sydenham Park , North City Lions 0 Brimbank Stallions 15, Bye Bacchus Marsh , Spring Hills 3 Essendon Royals 1, Keilor Park 0 Brunswick Zebras 3, Watsonia Heights 5 Brimbank City 0

Central SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun): Port Melbourne South Melbourne , FC Clifton Hill 5 South Yarra 0, Malvern City 3 Melbourne Athletic JFC 6, Alphington 5 Yarra Jets 1, Melbourne Lions Yarraville Glory

Central SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : South Melbourne 1 Yarra Jets , Port Melbourne 2 FC Demons 1, FC Clifton Hill South Melbourne 2 , Bye Malvern City

East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sat): Montrose Boronia , Glen Waverley 2 5 Knox City 0, Croydon City Arrows Glen Waverley 1 , Mooroolbark 1 Glen Waverley 3 3

East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun) : Croydon City Arrows Oakleigh Cannons 3 , Knox Utd 2 4 Knox Utd 1 6, Waverley Victory 1 Oakleigh Cannons 1 6, Montrose Eastern Lions , Oakleigh Cannons 2 6 Ringwood City 1

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Glen Waverley 1 1 Mooroolbark 1 3, Glen Waverley 2 0 Croydon City Arrows 3, Mooroolbark 2 0 Eastern Lions 5

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : Oakleigh Cannons 2 1 Knox Utd 1, Glen Waverley Eastern Lions , Cardinia Utd 0 Brandon Park 6, Ringwood City Oakleigh Cannons 1

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeys (Sun) : Oakleigh Cannons 1 3 Waverley Victory 1, Oakleigh Cannons 2 0 Monash City 5, Waverley Wanderers Cardinia Utd

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun): Ashburton 1 Manningham 2 , Eltham North 1 1 Manningham 1 0, Wonga Park Wizards JFC Eltham North 2 , Ashburton 2 1 DOC Utd 3, Ashburton 3 3 Eltham North 3 1

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Lime (Sat) : Riversdale 3 Ashburton 1 1, Ashburton 2 Boroondara Eagles , Doncaster Rovers 2 1 FC Bulleen Lions 6, Whitehorse Utd 1 Nunawading City FC 6, Box Hill Inter 3 Doncaster Rovers 1 3

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Red (Sat): Boroondara Eagles 1 2 Boroondara Eagles 2 0, Ashburton 2 FC Bulleen Lions 2 , Whitehorse Utd 1 1 FC Bulleen Lions 1 6, Whitehorse Utd 2 5 Ashburton 1 0, Box Hill Inter 4 Doncaster Rovers 0

North East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : FC Bulleen Lions 1 1 Ashburton 2 1, FC Bulleen Lions 2 0 Manningham 2, Ashburton 1 Nunawading City FC 2 , Eltham North 2 5 Nunawading City FC 1 4, Ashburton 3 2 Eltham North 1 3

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sat): Richmond 1 0 FC Bulleen Lions 0, Boroondara Eagles Richmond 2 , Doncaster Rovers 0 Whitehorse Utd 2 5, Whitehorse Utd 1 4 Ashburton 7, Box Hill Inter 2 FC Demons 7, Bye Riversdale

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Blue (Sat): Richmond 1 Bye , Ashburton Boroondara Eagles , Epping City 4 Elwood City 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 5 Doncaster Rovers 0, FC Bulleen Lions 2 3 Richmond 2 3

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Yellow (Sat): Bye Box Hill Inter , Doncaster Rovers 0 Whitehorse Utd 1, Richmond 1 4 Riversdale 2, FC Bulleen Lions 1 4 Ashburton 1, FC Bulleen Lions 2 2 Richmond 2 0

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Pink (Sun): Ringwood City Ashburton 1 , Oakleigh Cannons 4 Box Hill Inter 1, Boroondara Eagles 1 Knox Utd 0, Ashburton 2 DOC Utd

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Purple (Sun): Ashburton 1 Ringwood City , Boroondara Eagles 0 Mooroolbark 1, Ashburton 2 Croydon City Arrows

North SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun): Whittlesea Ranges FC 0 Lalor Utd 3, Banyule City Northcote City , Bundoora Utd 1 Diamond Valley Utd , Watsonia Heights 5 Mitchell Rangers 4

North SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun): Whittlesea Ranges 1 5 Epping City 0, Banyule City Northcote City , Lalor Bundoora Utd 2 , Preston Lions 2 1 Whittlesea Ranges 2 6, Bundoora Utd 1 Preston Lions 1

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Orange (Sun) : Brunswick City Pascoe Vale 1 , Fawkner 7 Gisborne 2, Flemington Eagles 5 Oak Park SC 0, Pascoe Vale 2 5 Meadow Park Eagles 3, Sunbury Utd 2 Essendon Royals 4

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Purple (Sun) : Essendon Royals 5 Brunswick City 0, Flemington Eagles 5 Brunswick Zebras 0, North City Lions 5 Moreland City 0, Hume City Meadow Park Eagles , Light Utd 1 Pascoe Vale 0

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Red (Sun): Light Utd 4 Pascoe Vale 1, Moreland Utd Hume City , North City Lions Essendon Royals , Upfield 4 Sunbury Utd 4

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Purple (Sun): Avondale Heights 0 Brunswick City 5, North City Lions Moreland City , Brunswick Zebras 2 0 Essendon Royals 3, Melbourne Phoenix 3 Moreland Utd 3, Flemington Eagles 2 Brunswick Zebras 1 7

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Red (Sun): Fawkner 1 Pascoe Vale 2, Gisborne 5 Essendon Royals 2 0, Light Utd 1 Moreland City 4, Brunswick Zebras 1 Essendon Royals 1 6, Keilor Wolves 2 Upfield 1

North West-North-Central SSF Girls 11 (Sun): South Melbourne 1 0 Banyule City 2 4, FC Clifton Hill 1 Kensington JGSC 0, Greenvale Utd Essendon Royals , Yarra Jets Bye , South Melbourne 2 0 South Yarra 3, Fawkner 0 Banyule City 1 5

North-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeys/Kangaroos (Sun) : South Melbourne Sporting Whittlesea , FC Clifton Hill Whittlesea Ranges FC , Bye Banyule City , Watsonia Heights 0 Yarra Jets 6, Bundoora Utd 2 Bundoora Utd 1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Blue (Sat): Brighton 3 4 Hampton 1 2, East Bentleigh 0 Glen Eira 3, Brighton 1 Beaumaris 2 , Beaumaris 1 3 Sandringham City 0, Hampton 2 4 Bayside Argonauts 1, Brighton 2 3 Dandenong Warriors 0

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Green (Sat): Glen Eira 1 East Bentleigh 1 , Glen Eira 2 Beaumaris 2 , Glen Eira 3 Brighton 1 , Sandringham City 1 Bye , Brighton 2 6 Beaumaris 1 1, Brighton 3 3 Sandringham City 2 2

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Green (Sun) : Bentleigh Greens North Caulfield , North Caulfield 5 Southern Suburbs 2, Sandringham City 5 Aspendale 2, Sandringham City 1 Brighton 1, Brighton Bye

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Orange (Sun): Bye East Bentleigh , Brighton 6 North Caulfield 2 1, Aspendale 1 Sandringham City 1, Bayside Knights 2 Beaumaris 0

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Yellow (Sun): North Caulfield 1 2 Brighton 1, Caulfield Cobras 5 North Caulfield 2 0, Hampton Sandringham City , Bayside Knights East Bentleigh

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Brighton 1 Hampton , Sandringham City 1 0 Bayside Argonauts 1, Sandringham City 2 Bye , Brighton 2 0 Doveton 5

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : North Caulfield 1 2 Bentleigh Greens 1, Hampton 0 Sandringham City 1 1, Bayside Knights 2 Sandringham City 2 7, Aspendale North Caulfield 2

South East-South SSF Girls 11 Joeys Pink (Sun): East Bentleigh 2 Mornington 2, North Caulfield 1 Hampton , North Caulfield 2 0 Brighton 1 5, Bayside Argonauts Sandringham 2 , Brighton 2 Sandringham 1

South East-Sth SSF Girls 11 Kang Purple (Sun): Beaumaris 2 North Caulfield 3, Sandringham 1 2 Sandringham 2 0, Brighton Mornington

South SSF Boys 11 Joeys Blue (Sun): Carrum Utd Endeavour Utd , Langwarrin 6 Peninsula 2 1, Peninsula 1 Noble Park , Mornington 2 Doveton 0, Casey Panthers 1 Berwick City 2, Hampton Park Utd Casey Comets

South SSF Boys 11 Joeys Lime (Sun) : Hampton Park Utd Dandenong Thunder , Peninsula 3 Berwick City 2 5, South Springvale 0 Langwarrin 3, Springvale White Eagles 5 Berwick City 1 0, Casey Panthers Heatherton Utd

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Blue (Sun): Dandenong Thunder Southern Stars , Langwarrin 0 Mornington 5, South Eastern Piranhas 2 Peninsula 1, Springvale White Eagles 6 Berwick City 1, Casey Panthers 0 Carrum Utd 4

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Lime (Sun) : Casey Comets 2 Berwick City 6, Keysborough 1 Endeavour Utd 2, South Eastern Piranhas 0 Hampton Park Utd 5, Mornington 3 Carrum Utd 1, South Springvale 5 Langwarrin 0

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeys (Sun) : Langwarrin Berwick City 2 , Peninsula 3 Casey Comets 1, South Springvale 2 Mornington 2 0, Mornington 1 2 Berwick City 1 3, James Cook FC 2 Doveton 5

West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Green (Sun) : Cairnlea 1 3 Spring Hills 2 0, Cairnlea 2 3 Spring Hills 1 1, Altona East Phoenix Bacchus Marsh , Hoppers Crossing 4 Melton 4, Point Cook FC Green Gully Cavaliers

West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Yellow (Sun) : Brimbank City 0 Sydenham Park 1, Keilor Park 4 Green Gully Cavaliers 0, Satellite City Utd Point Cook FC , Werribee City 4 Cairnlea 1, Barnstoneworth Utd St Albans Saints

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Orange (Sun) : Altona Magic Sydenham Park , Green Gully Cavaliers St Albans Saints , Sunshine George Cross 6 Sunshine Heights 1, Hoppers Crossing 3 Melbourne Knights 0, Werribee City 5 Laverton Park 0

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Yellow (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 1 Barnstoneworth Utd , Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Ballarat Academy of Soccer , Sunshine George Cross 5 Altona City 0, Brimbank Stallions Keilor Park , Sunshine Heights 4 Williamstown 1, Spring Hills 2 Altona East Phoenix 3

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeys (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 1 Green Gully Cavaliers 2 , Sunshine George Cross 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 1 0 Cairnlea 4, Brimbank Stallions Spring Hills , Keilor Park 1 Altona City 2 3, Williamstown 4 Point Cook FC 2

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Boys 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield	13	10	1	2	45	15	31
GRFA	14	9	3	2	56	21	30
Melbourne Phoenix	13	8	1	4	30	21	25
Whittlesea Zebras	13	7	3	3	31	24	24
Bentleigh Greens	12	5	2	5	20	25	17
Brunswick Zebras	13	5	1	7	29	29	16
Malvern City	14	5	0	9	27	46	15
Springvale White Eagles	15	4	1	10	25	42	13
Dandenong City	12	3	1	8	27	47	10
Fawkner	13	2	3	8	21	41	9

Boys 18 Central - Northern

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	10	9	1	0	48	13	28
Sunshine George Cross	11	8	2	1	42	15	25
Whittlesea Ranges FC	9	5	1	3	28	13	16
Carlton Youth	10	3	3	4	28	30	11
Northern Utd	9	3	2	4	17	20	11
Pascoe Vale	9	2	2	5	13	23	8
Heidelberg Stars	10	2	1	7	17	28	7
Port Melbourne	8	0	0	8	10	61	0

Boys 18 Eastern- North-East

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	13	0	0	78	11	39
Doncaster Rovers	13	11	0	2	50	16	33
Manningham	13	8	0	5	47	17	24
Glen Waverley	13	8	0	5	38	36	24
DOC Utd	12	4	0	8	21	29	12
Whitehorse Utd	12	3	0	9	18	60	9
Ashburton	12	2	1	9	24	60	7
Ringwood City	12	0	1	11	12	59	1

Boys 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	12	10	2	0	34	14	32
South Melbourne	12	10	0	2	33	13	30
Sunshine George Cross	13	8	2	3	31	14	26
Richmond	12	8	1	3	33	11	25
Dandenong Thunder	12	3	3	6	18	23	12
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	3	2	7	22	23	11
Heidelberg Utd	13	3	4	6	19	29	10
Altona Magic	12	2	4	6	14	30	10
Oakleigh Cannons	13	1	4	8	15	34	7
Northcote City	13	1	4	8	19	47	7

Boys 18 South-East - Eastern

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Southern Suburbs	13	9	0	4	41	12	27
Oakleigh Cannons	12	8	3	1	44	16	27
FC Bulleen Lions	13	8	0	5	61	22	24
Eastern Lions	12	7	2	3	42	18	23
Bentleigh Greens	13	7	2	4	43	21	23
Riversdale	13	6	3	4	38	25	21
Brighton	13	5	4	4	36	20	19
Manningham	13	3	2	8	30	39	11
East Bentleigh	13	3	0	10	25	66	9
Bayside Argonauts	13	0	0	13	3124		0

Boys 18 Southern

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Frankston Pines	13	10	1	2	52	14	31
South Eastern Piranhas	13	9	2	2	50	17	29
Casey Comets	13	9	1	3	39	14	28
Bayside Knights	12	8	2	2	51	22	26
Berwick City	13	7	1	5	44	24	22
Endeavour Utd	13	6	2	5	36	22	20
Springvale City	12	4	0	8	24	42	12
Brandon Park	13	3	1	9	26	45	10
Peninsula	13	3	0	10	34	63	9
Baxter	13	0	0	13	10103		0

Boys 18 Western - North-West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	13	11	1	1	61	20	34
Ballarat & District	13	9	2	2	76	13	29
Keilor Park	13	9	2	2	51	13	29
Moreland Utd	12	6	2	4	34	16	17
Moreland City	13	5	2	6	23	26	17
Altona City	12	5	1	6	32	23	16
Werribee City	13	4	2	7	42	29	14
Brimbank Stallions	12	4	0	8	23	44	12
Brunswick City	13	4	0	9	28	60	12
Bacchus Marsh	12	0	0	12	3129		0

Boys Central - North 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	13	11	2	0	61	3	35
South Melbourne	13	11	1	1	61	7	34
Watsonia Heights	13	7	2	4	17	14	23
Preston Lions	12	7	1	4	20	19	22
Bundoora Utd	12	7	0	5	23	10	21
South Yarra	12	5	1	6	39	30	16
Malvern City	12	4	1	7	21	40	13
Epping City	11	3	1	7	25	56	10
FC Birrarung	13	1	2	10	16	56	5
Lalor Utd	13	0	1	12	10	58	1

Boys Central - North 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond 2	13	12	0	1	97	9	36
Northcote City	12	11	1	0	58	7	34
Whittlesea Ranges FC	13	9	3	1	44	10	30
Richmond 1	12	6	1	5	35	23	19
Heidelberg Stars	12	6	1	5	22	21	19
Lalor	12	5	1	6	30	43	16
Whittlesea Zebras	12	3	1	8	17	32	10
Yarraville Glory	12	3	0	9	11	45	9
Epping City	13	2	2	9	13	51	8
Alphington	13	0	0	13	6	92	0

Boys Central - North 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	11	10	1	0	70	6	31
Yarra Jets 1	12	10	1	1	60	8	31
Bundoora Utd	11	8	1	2	37	14	25
Sporting Whittlesea	11	6	3	2	38	21	21
Epping City	12	5	3	4	33	14	18
Melbourne Lions	11	5	1	5	18	20	16
Diamond Valley Utd	11	5	0	6	33	31	15
Heidelberg Stars	11	4	0	7	16	48	12
Mitchell Rangers	12	2	0	10	12	63	6
Yarra Jets 2	12	1	2	9	12	55	5
South Yarra	12	0	2	10	6	55	2

Boys Central - North 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Ranges FC	12	9	2	1	44	15	29
N.T.C	10	7	2	1	48	12	23
Bundoora Utd	10	7	0	3	36	19	21
Heidelberg Utd	10	7	2	1	46	9	20
South Melbourne	12	5	2	5	27	21	17
Richmond	11	4	1	6	12	31	13
Epping City	12	2	2	8	9	42	8
Alphington	12	2	0	10	11	58	6
South Yarra	11	1	1	9	13	39	4

Boys Central - North 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarraville Glory	12	12	0	0	67	3	36
Bundoora Utd	12	10	1	1	50	9	31
Whittlesea Ranges FC	13	9	2	2	47	15	29
Maribyrnong Greens	12	9	2	1	63	11	26
Yarra Jets 1	12	7	2	3	47	24	23
Yarra Jets 2	12	6	3	3	31	25	21
Port Melbourne	13	7	0	6	27	25	21
FC Clifton Hill	12	5	1	6	22	26	16
Malvern City	13	3	2	8	15	33	11
Eltham Redback FC	13	3	2	8	18	40	11
Heidelberg Stars	12	2	1	9	17	41	7
Mitchell Rangers	12	1	3	8	11	51	6
Watsonia Heights	13	0	4	9	11	73	4
Plenty Valley Lions	13	0	3	10	14	64	3

Boys Central - North 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Ranges FC	13	12	0	1	58	5	36
South Melbourne	12	9	1	2	35	12	28
N.T.C	12	9	0	3	67	11	27
Richmond 1	13	8	0	5	50	20	24
Richmond 2	12	8	0	4	25	22	24
Diamond Valley Utd	11	5	1	5	17	26	16
Yarra Jets	13	2	3	8	15	52	9
Bundoora Utd	12	2	2	8	16	43	8
Northcote City	13	1	2	10	17	65	5
Preston Lions	13	1	1	11	15	59	4

Boys Central - North 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Ranges FC	13	12	0	1	59	3	36
South Yarra	13	11	2	0	42	4	35
Heidelberg Utd	13	9	2	2	39	13	26
Richmond	13	7	3	3	22	19	24
Alphington	13	6	2	5	29	34	20
Plenty Valley Lions	13	4	1	8	24	46	13
Bundoora Utd	13	3	1	9	16	36	10
Heidelberg Stars	13	3	0	10	24	41	9
Keon Park	13	2	1	10	15	43	7
Watsonia Heights	13	2	0	11	9	40	6

Boys Central - North 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora Utd	11	10	1	0	56	5	31
Richmond	12	8	2	2	42	11	26
South Melbourne	11	8	2	1	41	13	26
Preston Lions	11	6	1	4	22	15	19
FC Clifton Hill	10	5	0	5	15	25	15
Heidelberg Stars	11	4	0	7	22	32	12
Whittlesea Ranges FC	12	3	2	7	21	20	11
Yarra Jets	10	1	0	9	11	56	3
Banyule City	12	1	0	11	10	63	3

Boys Central - North 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	13	12	0	1	63	13	36
Bundoora Utd	13	11	1	1	63	18	34
South Melbourne	12	8	0	4	65	27	24
Diamond Valley Utd 2	13	7	1	5	38	27	22
Diamond Valley Utd 1	12	6	2	4	37	25	20
Maribyrnong Greens	13	6	1	6	35	26	16
Richmond	12	3	1	8	26	38	10
Alphington	13	3	1	9	6	44	10
Melbourne Lions	11	1	1	9	8	52	4
Malvern City	12	1	0	11	9	80	3

Boys Central - North 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond 1	12	10	1	1	71	10	31
South Melbourne	11	8	1	2	42	10	25
Richmond 2	10	8	1	1	28	10	25
Malvern City	11	4	3	4	23	20	15
Epping City	11	4	3	4	20	22	15
Bundoora Utd	11	3	3	5	18	24	12
Preston Lions	11	3	1	7	18	28	10
FC Clifton Hill	11	3	1	7	25	49	10
Whittlesea Ranges FC	12	0	0	12	5	77	0

Boys Central - North 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarraville Glory	11	9	1	1	59	6	28
Yarra Jets	11	9	1	1	50	12	27
Richmond	11	5	1	5	32	23	16
Heidelberg Utd	11	3	2	6	29	44	8
Bundoora Utd	11	2	2	7	16	32	8
Yarraville Glory	11	1	1	9	7	76	3

Boys East - North East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	13	12	0	1	82	8	36
Monash City	13	9	1	3	32	15	28
Box Hill Inter	13	8	1	4	37	12	25
Knox City	13	5	4	4	22	28	19
Eastern Lions	13	2	6	5	11	32	12
Doncaster Rovers	13	3	2	8	18	34	11
Ashburton	13	2	3	8	10	28	9
Glen Waverley	13	1	3	9	11	66	6

Boys East - North East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	13	10	3	0	47	5	33
Boroondara Eagles	12	8	2	2	23	20	26
Mooroolbark	13	8	1	4	23	15	25
Eltham Redback FC	13	6	2	5	22	21	20
Manningham	13	5	0	8	19	24	15
Riversdale	13	4	2	7	24	35	14
Doncaster Rovers	12	3	3	6	15	19	12
Ashburton	13	4	0	9	21	32	12
Oakleigh Cannons	13	2	5	6	14	22	11
Nunawading City FC	13	4	2	7	15	30	11

Boys East - North East 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers	12	11	1	0	46	7	34
Boronia	12	8	0	4	29	18	24
FC Bulleen Lions	11	7	2	2	23	5	23
Waverley Victory	12	6	1	5	25	15	19
Knox Utd	12	5	3	4	31	19	18
DOC Utd	12	5	0	7	26	22	15
Knox City	11	4	1	6	20	22	13
Doncaster Rovers	11	1	0	10	9	53	3
Eltham Redback FC	11	1	0	10	6	54	3

Boys East - North East 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Croydon City Arrows	12	11	0	1	44	15	33
Riversdale	11	7	0	4	30	9	21
Ashburton	11	6	2	3	23	12	20
Boroondara Eagles	11	6	1	4	26	20	19
Oakleigh Cannons	11	4	3	4	20	18	15
Glen Waverley	12	4	3	5	12	19	15
Whitehorse Utd	12	3	1	8	11	23	10
Ashburton	12	3	0	9	11	42	9
East Kew	12	2	2	8	10	29	8

Boys East - North East 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boronia	11	9	1	1	84	10	28
Montrose	11	8	2	1	87	10	26
Ashburton	12	6	1	5	65	28	19
Mooroolbark	11	2	0	9	19	90	6
Bunyip & District Soccer Club	11	1	0	10	13130		3

Boys East - North East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	12	11	0	1	38	5	33
Monash City	13	11	0	2	35	15	33
Box Hill Inter	13	10	1	2	40	7	31
Whitehorse Utd	13	6	3	4	21	15	21
Knox City	13	7	0	6	21	16	21
Ashburton	13	6	0	7	14	24	18
Knox Utd	13	3	1	9	8	27	10
Doncaster Rovers	13	3	1	9	16	36	10
Eastern Lions	13	1	5	7	10	23	8
Oakleigh Cannons	12	0	1	11	5	40	1

Boys East - North East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City FC	13	12	1	0	77	12	34
FC Bulleen Lions	13	10	3	0	44	14	33
Box Hill Inter	13	8	2	3	31	24	26
Ringwood City	13	7	2	4	25	21	23
Brandon Park	13	6	3	4	27	21	21
Eltham Redback FC	13	5	1	7	18	28	16
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	3	3	7	20	36	12
Boroondara Eagles	13	2	1	10	13	48	7
Croydon City Arrows	13	1	2	10	18	41	5
Doncaster Rovers	13	0	4	9	8	36	4

Boys East - North East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	13	12	0	1	44	8	36
Glen Waverley	13	11	0	2	38	5	33
DOC Utd	12	10	0	2	35	14	30
Knox City	13	6	3	4	17	18	21
Manningham	13	6	2	5	15	16	20
Oakleigh Cannons	13	6	2	5	13	14	20
Ashburton	13	4	5	4	19	21	17
Glen Waverley	13	5	1	7	20	23	16
Cardinia Utd	12	4	1	7	13	22	13
Boroondara Eagles	13	2	5	6	15	22	11
Whitehorse Utd	13	3	2	8	13	26	11
Croydon City Arrows	13	3	2	8	11	32	11
Mooroolbark	13	1	5	7	6	24	8
Waverley Wanderers	13	1	4	8	5	19	7

Boys East - North East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	13	9	3	1	52	11	30
FC Bulleen Lions	12	9	2	1	47	5	29
Knox City	12	8	2	2	40	12	26
Monash City	12	7	4	1	44	16	25
Riversdale	13	7	1	5	26	23	22
Nunawading City FC	13	5	2	6	24	30	14
Doncaster Rovers	13	4	1	8	32	29	13
Oakleigh Cannons	12	3	3	6	23	20	12
Ashburton	13	1	0	12	6	74	3
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	1	0	12	8	82	3

Boys East - North East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse Utd	12	11	0	1	48	12	33
FC Bulleen Lions	13	8	2	3	33	14	26
Croydon City Arrows	13	8	0	5	30	21	24
Glen Waverley	13	7	2	4	30	25	23
Doncaster Rovers	12	4	4	4	22	23	16
Oakleigh Cannons	13	2	4	7	13	24	10
Boroondara Eagles	12	2	2	8	19	33	8
Mooroolbark	12	1	0	11	11	54	3

Boys East - North East 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	13	10	2	1	55	11	32
Knox City	13	10	2	1	50	17	32
Boroondara Eagles	13	10	1	2	41	13	31
Doncaster Rovers	13	8	1	4	31	21	25
Ringwood City	12	5	1	6	29	27	16
Eltham Redback FC	13	3	3	7	19	45	12
Ashburton	12	3	2	7	29	40	11
Glen Waverley	13	3	2	8	25	42	11
Croydon City Arrows	13	3	1	9	17	46	10
Riversdale	13	0	3	10	14	48	3

Boys East - North East 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bunyip & District Soccer Club	13	13	0	0	132	5	39
DOC Utd	13	9	1	3	77	20	28
Boronia	12	9	1	2	65	29	28
Glen Waverley	12	7	0	5	54	32	21
Whitehorse Utd	13	5	0	8	25	56	15
Ashburton	11	3	0	8	21	55	9
Rowville Eagles	11	1	1	9	5	92	1
Doncaster Rovers	13	0	1	12	8	98	1

Boys East - North East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	13	11	1	1	65	6	34
Oakleigh Cannons	13	10	2	1	47	17	32
Monash City	13	7	3	3	39	17	24
Croydon City Arrows	13	5	4	4	17	21	19
Doncaster Rovers	13	6	1	6	23	30	19
Riversdale	13	5	3	5	14	20	18
Box Hill Inter	13	5	1	7	24	34	16
Glen Waverley	13	5	1	7	14	29	16
Mooroolbark	13	1	4	8	12	23	7
Knox City	13	0	0	13	5	63	0

Boys East - North East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	11	10	1	0	36	7	31
Manningham	11	7	1	3	33	23	22
Ringwood City	11	6	2	3	26	16	20
Boroondara Eagles	12	6	2	4	23	18	20
Knox Utd	10	5	0	5	27	23	15
Sherbrooke Rangers	11	5	0	6	22	34	15
Croydon City Arrows	11	4	1	6	24	23	13
Eastern Lions	12	1	3	8	20	35	6
Ashburton	11	0	2	9	7	39	2

Boys East - North East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse Utd	13	11	2	0	50	10	35
Eltham Redback FC	13	7	2	4	31	17	23
Brandon Park	12	7	2	3	30	23	23
Oakleigh Cannons	13	6	2	5	32	18	20
DOC Utd	11	6	2	3	20	14	20
Riversdale	13	3	2	8	18	29	10
Doncaster Rovers	13	2	0	11	17	51	6
Rowville Eagles	12	1	2	9	16	52	1

Boys East - North East 15 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Manningham	13	12	0	1	94	17	36
Glen Waverley	13	8	2	3	43	22	26
Knox Utd 1	13	8	1	4	47	24	25
Boroondara Eagles	12	7	1	4	36	29	22
Boronia	13	6	3	4	39	27	21
Mooroolbark 1	13	6	2	5	39	26	20
Ashburton	12	5	0	7	30	35	15
Knox Utd 2	13	4	2	7	36	46	14
Eastern Lions	13	2	1	10	19	71	7
Mooroolbark 2	13	0	0	13	8	94	0

Boys East - North East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City	13	10	1	2	37	13	31
FC Bulleen Lions	12	9	1	2	69	12	28
Box Hill Inter	12	8	1	3	39	13	25
Oakleigh Cannons	13	7	0	6	27	27	21
Glen Waverley	13	5	0	8	22	56	15
Ringwood City	12	3	2	7	23	34	11
Riversdale	13	3	0	10	17	52	9
DOC Utd	12	2	1	9	15	42	7

Boys East - North East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	11	10	1	0	78	10	31
Nunawading City FC	12	9	1	2	49	17	25
Whitehorse Utd	11	7	2	2	68	9	23
Waverley Wanderers	11	7	1	3	43	14	22
Eastern Lions	12	6	3	3	32	11	21
Knox City	11	6	2	3	41	23	20
Boroondara Eagles	11	6	1	4	40	16	19
Rowville Eagles	11	6	2	3	42	33	17
Eltham Redback FC	12	3	3	6	39	35	12
Glen Waverley	12	2	2	8	26	40	8
Mooroolbark	12	2	1	9	22	62	7
Croydon City Arrows	12	1	1	10	16	89	4
Sherbrooke Rangers	12	0	0	12	2	139	0

Boys North West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	11	9	1	1	57	10	28
Light Utd	11	8	2	1	29	11	26
Brunswick City	11	5	4	2	31	14	19
Avondale Heights	10	5	3	2	26	14	18
Brunswick Zebras	11	5	2	4	33	22	17
Fawkner	11	5	1	5	18	24	16
Pascoe Vale	11	3	2	6	13	28	11
Moreland City	12	1	1	10	13	49	4
Hume Utd	12	1	0	11	10	58	3

Boys North West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	13	12	1	0	100	4	37
Essendon Royals	13	10	2	1	77	13	32
Gisborne	12	9	1	2	31	9	28
Upfield	12	8	1	3	50	13	25
Brunswick Zebras	13	8	1	4	50	25	25
Hume Utd	12	5	1	6	21	46	16
North City Lions	12	4	1	7	33	42	13
Brunswick City	13	1	0	12	10	52	3
Moreland City	13	1	0	12	7	86	3
Moreland Wolves	13	1	0	12	4	93	3

Boys North West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	12	11	0	1	62	6	33
Brunswick Zebras	12	11	0	1	49	5	33
Melbourne Phoenix	11	5	2	4	21	24	17
North City Lions	11	4	4	3	18	18	16
Fawkner	11	5	0	6	22	29	15
Light Utd	12	4	2	6	17	29	14
Brunswick City	10	4	1	5	15	29	13
Moreland Utd	11	2	1	8	10	29	4
Hume Utd	12	0	0	12	4	49	0

Boys North West 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	13	12	1	0	67	8	37
Brunswick Zebras 1	13	11	2	0	47	6	35
Northern Utd	13	8	1	4	42	15	25
North Lions	12	6	2	4	34	22	20
Avondale Heights	13	6	2	5	26	18	20
Pascoe Vale	13	6	2	5	32	25	20
Brunswick Zebras 2	13	4	1	8	15	44	13
Sunbury Utd	13	3	1	9	20	50	10
Moreland Wolves	13	1	0	12	18	54	3
Meadow Park Eagles	12	1	0	11	9	68	3

Boys North West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	12	10	2	0	42	8	32
Light Utd	12	8	0	4	22	7	24
Melbourne Phoenix	12	6	3	3	23	20	21
Greenvale Utd	13	5	4	4	30	37	19
Moreland Utd	12	6	0	6	34	26	15
Moreland City	12	4	3	5	18	17	15
Essendon Royals	12	2	2	8	16	34	8
Brunswick Zebras	13	1	0	12	10	46	3

Boys North West 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	12	9	2	1	64	24	29
North City Lions	11	8	2	1	40	14	26
Upfield	11	6	1	4	36	26	19
Brunswick Zebras	12	5	3	4	22	19	18
Hume Utd	12	5	2	5	36	24	17
Avondale Heights	11	4	4	3	19	14	16
Moreland City	11	5	1	5	20	20	16
Essendon Royals	12	1	1	10	19	49	4
Gisborne	10	0	0	10	10	76	0

Boys North West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras 1	12	11	0	1	89	4	33
Essendon Royals	11	9	1	1	84	6	28
Light Utd	11	8	0	3	50	19	24
Brunswick Zebras 2	11	6	3	2	36	9	21
North City Lions	12	3	3	6	38	49	12
Brunswick City	11	4	0	7	21	40	12
Moreland City	12	2	3	7	19	55	9
Fawkner	11	2	1	8	14	66	7
Moreland Utd	11	0	1	10	6	109	-2

Boys North West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	13	11	1	1	61	12	34
Melbourne Phoenix	13	8	1	4	43	25	25
Brunswick Zebras	13	7	2	4	43	25	23
Brunswick City	12	7	2	3	30	24	23
Greenvale Utd	12	5	3	4	39	16	18
Essendon Royals	13	4	3	6	26	26	15
Gisborne	12	2	0	10	13	34	6
Moreland Wolves	12	0	0	12	3	96	0

Boys North West 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Greenvale Utd	12	8	2	2	46	23	26
Fawkner	13	8	2	3	39	23	26
Upfield	13	8	0	5	43	28	24
North City Lions	13	8	0	5	41	30	24
Hume City	12	7	1	4	49	32	19
Brunswick Zebras	13	4	0	9	31	32	12
Sunbury Utd	12	2	1	9	21	65	7
Gisborne	12	2	0	10	21	58	6

Boys West-North West 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Meadow Park Eagles	13	10	3	0	63	9	33
Essendon Royals	13	9	1	3	43	16	28
Werribee City	13	8	3	2	47	9	27
Greenvale Utd	13	7	2	4	48	13	23
Melton	12	6	2	4	37	10	20
Point Cook FC	13	5	2	6	36	33	17
Satellite City Utd	12	4	2	6	19	36	14
Spring Hills	13	4	1	8	17	47	13
Hoppers Crossing	12	2	0	10	13	63	6
Bacchus Marsh	12	0	0	12	6	93	0

Boys West-North West 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	13	13	0	0	97	3	39
Avondale Heights	13	10	0	3	58	11	30
Brunswick City	12	7	2	3	25	34	23
Werribee City	12	7	1	4	25	21	22
Essendon Utd	13	5	4	4	32	38	19
Fawkner	13	6	0	7	34	40	18
Williamstown	13	3	2	8	18	36	11
Brunswick Zebras	13	3	1	9	20	46	10
Bacchus Marsh	13	3	0	10	12	50	9
Spring Hills	13	1	2	10	15	57	5

Boys South East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	12	9	3	0	45	3	30
Bentleigh Greens	12	8	1	3	40	9	25
Brighton 2	11	6	3	2	38	11	21
Brighton 3	12	6	2	4	24	13	20
North Caulfield	12	6	2	4	24	24	20
Sandringham City	12	5	2	5	24	16	17
Bayside Knights	11	2	1	8	11	43	7
Brighton 1	11	1	2	8	10	46	5
East Bentleigh	11	1	0	10	10	61	3

Boys South East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Aspendale	13	11	1	1	69	4	34
Brighton 2	13	11	0	2	40	16	33
Bayside Argonauts	13	7	1	5	26	16	22
Hampton	13	6	1	6	17	17	19
Caulfield Cobras	12	5	1	6	13	29	16
Glen Eira 2	12	5	0	7	29	20	15
East Bentleigh	12	5	0	7	27	49	15
Beaumaris	13	4	0	9	16	33	12
Sandringham City	13	4	0	9	14	47	12
Glen Eira 1	12	2	2	8	14	34	8

Boys South East 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bayside Argonauts	11	9	1	1	89	9	28
Bentleigh Greens	10	8	0	2	53	18	24
Southern Stars	11	7	0	4	62	22	21
North Caulfield	11	5	1	5	37	20	16
Brighton	12	4	0	8	21	77	12
Beaumaris	12	3	1	8	10	63	10
Aspendale	11	1	1	9	7	70	4

Boys South East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	12	12	0	0	74	9	36
Hampton	13	9	2	2	66	13	29
Sandringham City	13	8	2	3	40	15	26
Sandringham City	13	6	4	3	43	13	22
North Caulfield	13	5	1	7	28	31	16
East Bentleigh	13	2	4	7	15	28	10
Bentleigh Greens	13	2	1	10	6	55	7
Glen Eira	12	0	0	12	4	112	0

Boys South East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Beaumaris	13	13	0	0	74	5	39
Brighton	13	11	0	2	62	17	33
Brighton	13	10	0	3	55	10	30
Aspendale	13	9	0	4	31	17	27
Caulfield Cobras	13	8	0	5	57	36	24
East Bentleigh	12	6	0	6	27	17	18
Hampton	12	3	1	8	16	36	10
Brighton	13	1	1	11	6	42	4
Sandringham City	13	0	3	10	7	43	3
Bayside Knights	13	0	1	12	7	119	1

Boys South East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	11	11	0	0	70	14	33
Brighton	12	9	0	3	38	19	27
Hampton	11	8	2	1	29	12	26
North Caulfield	11	5	2	4	38	23	17
Beaumaris	12	4	2	6	22	28	14
Caulfield Cobras	10	3	2	5	27	25	11
Sandringham City	11	3	1	7	16	28	10
Brighton	10	2	1	7	23	34	7
East Bentleigh	12	0	0	12	5	85	0

Boys South East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens	13	13	0	0	61	4	39
North Caulfield 1	12	11	0	1	37	9	33
Hampton	12	9	0	3	40	14	27
North Caulfield 2	13	7	1	5	26	19	22
East Bentleigh	13	6	0	7	26	36	18
Beaumaris 2	13	5	2	6	24	24	17
Sandringham City 1	13	3	3	7	18	28	12
Beaumaris 1	13	3	1	9	23	43	10
Sandringham City 2	13	2	1	10	11	42	7
Brighton	13	1	0	12	5	52	3

Boys South East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	11	9	1	1	62	9	28
Bentleigh Greens	12	9	1	2	31	13	28
Brighton	10	6	2	2	25	13	20
East Bentleigh	11	6	0	5	19	13	18
Brighton	11	5	1	5	19	16	16
North Caulfield	11	1	1	9	11	34	4
Bentleigh Greens	12	0	0	12	4	73	0

Boys South East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	13	10	1	2	39	19	31
North Caulfield	12	8	2	2	27	13	26
Brighton	12	7	2	3	22	14	23
Hampton	13	6	0	7	27	26	18
Glen Eira	12	5	2	5	20	20	17
East Bentleigh	13	5	2	6	28	30	17
Beaumaris	12	3	1	8	22	32	10
Glen Eira	13	1	0	12	16	47	3

Boys South East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	13	11	1	1	74	14	34
North Caulfield	13	11	0	2	48	16	33
Bentleigh Greens	13	11	0	2	46	18	33
Hampton	13	6	3	4	34	24	21
Beaumaris	13	5	4	4	16	17	19
Bayside Knights	13	4	4	5	38	33	16
Bentleigh Greens	12	4	0	8	19	34	12
Caulfield Cobras	13	3	1	9	32	58	10
Brighton	12	2	1	9	16	47	7
East Bentleigh	13	0	0	13	14	76	0

Boys South-South East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keysborough	13	12	1	0	57	13	37
Dandenong City	12	11	0	1	43	6	33
Berwick City	13	10	2	1	48	9	32
Lyndale Utd	12	6	1	5	23	23	19
Casey Comets	13	6	0	7	32	28	18
Brighton	12	5	3	4	20	20	18
North Caulfield	13	5	1	7	15	25	16
Bayside Argonauts	12	4	0	8	20	26	12
Aspendale	13	3	2	8	24	27	11
Kingston City	12	3	2	7	17	29	11
Beaumaris	13	2	2	9	12	37	8
Frankston Pines	12	1	0	11	6	74	3

Boys South-South East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heatherton Utd	12	10	1	1	70	13	31
Berwick City	12	10	0	2	72	15	30
Southern Stars	12	6	4	2	49	13	22
Peninsula	12	7	1	4	34	23	22
North Caulfield	12	7	2	3	32	14	20
Hampton	13	2	1	10	14	53	7
East Bentleigh	13	1	1	11	10	79	4
Brighton	12	1	0	11	13	84	3

Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Peninsula	10	9	1	0	50	5	28
South Eastern Piranhas	12	9	1	2	51	12	28
Berwick City	12	6	0	6	35	16	18
Mornington	10	5	0	5	22	13	15
Dandenong City	11	4	2	5	16	23	14
Dandenong Thunder	11	3	1	7	19	47	10
Doveton	12	0	1	11	8	85	1

Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	12	11	0	1	77	5	33
Langwarrin	13	9	1	3	32	18	28
Berwick City	13	7	0	6	27	18	21
Hampton Park Utd	12	6	2	4	27	24	20
Peninsula	13	5	2	6	34	26	17
Mornington	12	5	2	5	20	27	17
Endeavour Utd	13	3	1	9	13	40	10
Baxter	12	0	0	12	4	76	0

Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heatherton Utd	13	13	0	0	67	6	39
Berwick City	13	10	1	2	48	13	31
Keysborough	13	7	4	2	26	14	25
Casey Panthers	13	6	3	4	28	26	21
James Cook FC	13	6	2	5	23	25	20
Westernport	13	4	4	5	16	22	16
Berwick City	13	4	2	7	22	27	14
Carrum Utd	13	4	1	8	9	22	13
Peninsula	13	1	1	11	13	38	4
Mornington	13	1	0	12	6	65	3

Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagles	13	11	2	0	53	8	35
Langwarrin	13	9	2	2	42	14	29
South Eastern Piranhas	13	9	1	3	45	18	28
Doveton	11	5	1	5	19	16	16
Berwick City	13	3	2	8	22	30	11
Hampton Park Utd	12	3	2	7	16	48	11
Dandenong City	12	3	1	8	8	28	10
Mornington	13	0	3	10	5	48	3

Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Casey Comets	13	10	3	0	49	9	33
Southern Stars	13	9	2	2	55	13	29
Endeavour Utd	12	8	1	3	40	20	25
White Star Dandenong	12	8	1	3	40	20	25
Langwarrin	13	6	2	5	29	32	20
Berwick City	12	6	1	5	26	23	19
Mornington	13	4	1	8	16	36	13
Carrum Utd	13	2	1	10	18	51	7
Peninsula	12	2	1	9	11	46	7
Baxter	13	1	1	11	12	46	4

Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Eastern Piranhas	12	7	3	2	34	12	24
Casey Comets	11	8	0	3	31	11	24
Mornington	12	6	3	3	33	18	21
Doveton	11	5	4	2	27	15	19
Dandenong Thunder	11	5	2	4	24	25	17
Berwick City	12	4	1	7	22	29	13
South Springvale	11	4	1	6	13	20	13
Hampton Park Utd	10	3	0	7	12	28	9
Peninsula	12	1	2	9	10	48	5

Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale Utd	12	11	1	0	71	11	34
Seaford Utd	13	10	0	3	41	17	30
Keysborough	13	9	2	2	36	26	29
Berwick City	13	7	0	6	42	26	21
Peninsula	13	3	1	9	20	43	10
Doveton	12	2	3	7	12	38	9
Carrum Utd	12	2	1	9	10	41	7
Langwarrin	12	1	2	9	14	44	5

Boys South 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City	13	12	1	0	93	8	37
Dandenong Warriors	11	8	1	2	72	13	25
Casey Panthers	12	8	0	4	51	20	24
Casey Comets	12	8	0	4	47	25	24
Hampton Park Utd	12	6	0	6	28	38	18
Westernport	13	2	2	9	10	70	8
Rosebud	11	1	1	9	15	79	4
Baxter	12	0	1	11	11	74	1

Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	12	11	1	0	49	8	34
South Eastern Piranhas	12	10	0	2	48	16	30
Peninsula	11	7	1	3	33	15	22
Dandenong Thunder	11	4	2	5	16	24	14
Dandenong City	11	3	4	4	19	19	13
Endeavour Utd	12	3	3	6	22	47	12
Keysborough	11	3	2	6	17	18	11
Doveton	11	1	2	8	8	33	5
Springvale White Eagles	11	1	1	9	10	42	4

Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	12	12	0	0	63	5	36
Langwarrin	12	9	2	1	77	15	29
Mornington	12	9	1	2	67	16	28
Endeavour Utd	13	8	1	4	51	25	25
Berwick City	13	6	2	5	46	23	20
Casey Comets	13	5	4	4	42	41	19
Baxter	12	3	1	8	27	38	10
James Cook FC	13	3	0	10	40	56	9
Peninsula	13	2	1	10	29	65	7
Frankston Pines	13	0	0	13	8	166	0

Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Eastern Piranhas	12	9	2	1	42	16	29
Peninsula	12	9	1	2	28	8	28
Berwick City	11	7	3	1	51	12	24
Hampton Park Utd	11	5	3	3	39	24	18
Casey Comets	11	5	0	6	22	31	15
White Star Dandenong	10	4	1	5	23	20	13
Mornington	10	1	5	4	14	34	8
Keysborough	11	1	2	8	23	39	5
Langwarrin	12	0	1	11	7	65	1

Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	10	1	1	51	6	31
Altona City	12	9	3	0	43	5	30
North Geelong Warriors	12	5	4	3	23	16	19
Keilor Park	12	6	0	6	25	21	18
Brimbank Stallions	12	4	6	2	12	11	18
Melbourne Knights	13	6	2	5	23	11	17
Ballarat Academy of Soccer	12	3	4	5	18	17	13
St Albans Saints	12	3	4	5	15	21	13
Sydenham Park	13	2	1	10	9	46	7
Hoppers Crossing	12	0	1	11	4	69	1

Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	12	8	3	1	46	17	27
Green Gully Cavaliers	11	8	2	1	42	11	26
Sunshine Heights	11	7	1	3	19	14	22
Keilor Park 2	12	6	2	4	32	28	20
Cairnlea	11	5	2	4	18	22	17
Keilor Park 1	10	3	1	6	12	20	10
Bell Park	12	3	0	9	19	31	9
Spring Hills	10	2	2	6	7	24	8
Laverton Park	11	0	3	8	4	32	3

Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	12	0	0	45	1	36
Keilor Park	13	11	1	1	51	6	34
Melbourne Knights	13	10	0	3	48	10	27
Sunshine George Cross	13	8	1	4	29	15	25
Altona City	13	7	2	4	21	19	23
Werribee City	13	5	0	8	20	26	15
Brimbank Stallions	13	3	1	9	15	38	10
Hoppers Crossing	13	2	1	10	9	52	7
Brimbank City	13	1	1	11	9	40	4
St Albans Saints	12	1	1	10	6	46	4

Boys West 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat Academy of Soccer	11	10	1	0	49	9	31
Green Gully Cavaliers	11	9	1	1	37	4	28
GRFA	11	7	3	1	56	7	24
Altona East Phoenix	11	5	2	4	30	19	17
Cairnlea	11	4	2	5	42	22	14
Laverton Park	11	4	1	6	20	22	13
Keilor Park	10	3	0	7	17	39	9
Williamstown	11	2	0	9	14	34	6
Brimbank Stallions	11	0	0	11	3	112	0

Boys West 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine George Cross	12	9	1	2	54	9	28
North Geelong Warriors	11	8	2	1	66	10	26
Westvale	10	7	2	1	47	9	23
Spring Hills	10	4	2	4	34	24	14
Oak Park SC	10	2	0	8	10	60	6
Williamstown	11	2	0	9	6	66	6
Hoppers Crossing	10	1	1	8	10	49	4

Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ballarat Academy of Soccer	11	8	1	2	41	7	25
Green Gully Cavaliers	10	8	1	1	31	5	25
Keilor Park	11	6	4	1	27	7	22
GRFA	12	5	5	2	27	8	20
Cairnlea	12	6	2	4	28	19	20
Melbourne Knights	11	4	3	4	34	13	12
Altona City	10	3	0	7	10	40	9
Altona Magic	11	1	0	10	10	37	3
Hoppers Crossing	12	1	0	11	5	77	3

Boys West 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Heights	11	10	0	1	38	9	30
Brimbank Stallions	12	9	2	1	43	15	29
Green Gully Cavaliers	11	8	2	1	36	10	26
Cairnlea	11	5	2	4	22	26	17
Williamstown	12	4	2	6	25	18	14
St Albans Saints	10	3	3	4	16	22	12
Keilor Park	11	2	2	7	15	44	8
Sydenham Park	12	2	0	10	5	23	6
Keilor Wolves	12	1	1	10	14	47	1

Boys West 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Eagles	12	10	1	1	39	9	31
Werribee City	11	10	0	1	80	9	30
Melton	12	7	2	3	33	20	23
Williamstown	11	3	1	7	16	29	10
Altona City	12	3	0	9	12	49	9
Satellite City Utd	11	2	1	8	17	47	7
Point Cook FC	11	2	1	8	20	54	7

Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	13	11	1	1	55	11	34
Keilor Park	12	11	0	1	49	10	33
Green Gully Cavaliers	13	10	1	2	44	11	31
GRFA	14	5	3	6	33	31	18
Ballarat Academy of Soccer	13	3	2	8	20	38	11
Brimbank City	13	4	0	9	13	39	9
Sunshine George Cross	12	2	1	9	14	42	7
Geelong	12	1	0	11	6	52	3

Boys West 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank Stallions	13	10	2	1	72	9	32
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	10	1	1	56	11	31
Werribee City	13	9	2	2	52	14	29
Keilor Park	13	9	1	3	52	18	28
Williamstown	12	6	0	6	41	21	18
Altona City	13	5	2	6	24	29	17
Sydenham Park	12	4	2	6	20	38	14
Sunshine George Cross	13	2	1	10	12	59	7
Hoppers Crossing	13	2	1	10	18	81	7
North Lions	12	0	0	12	11	78	0

Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona East Phoenix	12	9	3	0	29	11	30
Melbourne Knights	13	9	4	0	33	10	28
North Geelong Warriors	13	7	4	2	36	11	25
Sydenham Park	13	7	3	3	28	10	24
Sunshine Heights	12	6	1	5	25	22	19
Werribee City	13	5	2	6	26	35	17
Sunshine George Cross	13	4	3	6	20	26	15
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	2	3	7	25	29	9
Keilor Park	13	1	1	11	14	38	4
Westgate	12	1	0	11	7	51	3

Boys West 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Williamstown	12	9	1	2	49	7	28
Keilor Park	11	9	1	1	32	2	28
St Albans Saints	10	7	1	2	35	13	22
Western Eagles	10	7	1	2	28	6	22
Spring Hills	11	4	1	6	26	28	13
Hoppers Crossing	10	2	3	5	12	18	9
Melton	12	3	0	9	16	47	9
Satellite City Utd	10	0	0	10	8	76	0

Girls Central - North East - East 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse Utd 2	12	11	0	1	65	15	33
Boroondara Eagles	12	8	2	2	62	12	26
Diamond Valley Utd	11	7	1	3	68	10	22
Richmond	12	7	1	4	44	28	22
Whitehorse Utd 1	11	4	0	7	30	52	12
Knox City	12	2	0	10	11	53	6
Yarra Jets	12	0	0	12	1111		0

Girls North West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	13	11	1	1	36	5	34
Ashburton	13	11	1	1	36	10	34
Richmond	12	8	2	2	33	12	26
Bundoora Utd	12	7	1	4	35	14	22
St Albans Saints	13	5	3	5	14	15	18
Boroondara Eagles	12	3	1	8	14	30	10
Whitehorse Utd	12	3	1	8	9	25	10
Richmond	13	2	3	8	10	32	9
FC Bulleen Lions	12	2	2	8	6	25	8
Banyule City	12	2	1	9	11	36	7

Girls North West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	13	13	0	0	87	7	39
Alphington	13	8	2	3	23	10	26
Essendon Royals	13	7	4	2	38	9	25
Kensington JGSC	13	8	1	4	24	13	25
Diamond Valley Utd	13	7	1	5	24	18	22
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	6	1	5	18	16	19
Watsonia Heights	13	4	2	7	18	19	14
Keilor Park	13	4	1	8	20	29	13
Eltham Redback FC	13	1	0	12	6	59	3
Brunswick Zebras	12	0	0	12	1	79	0

Girls South East - South 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton Park Utd	10	9	0	1	40	7	27
East Bentleigh 1	11	8	1	2	41	12	25
Casey Comets	10	7	2	1	33	13	23
Springvale White Eagles	12	4	2	6	17	38	14
Brighton	11	4	1	6	19	19	13
East Bentleigh 2	12	2	3	7	9	30	9
Langwarrin	12	0	1	11	2	42	1

Girls South East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham	11	10	0	1	57	7	30
Brighton	12	8	2	2	21	11	26
Berwick City	11	7	1	3	13	9	22
Peninsula	12	5	3	4	14	7	18
Ringwood City	12	2	5	5	11	21	11
North Caulfield	12	3	0	9	16	39	9
Sherbrooke Rangers	12	0	1	11	2	40	1

Girls South East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham	12	10	1	1	50	7	31
Casey Panthers	12	10	0	2	43	13	30
Waverley Victory	12	6	2	4	22	17	20
Brighton	11	4	1	6	17	27	13
Glen Waverley	10	3	3	4	8	10	12
Aspendale	12	3	0	9	17	40	9
Bayside Knights	11	0	1	10	2	45	1

Girls West - North West - North 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	13	12	0	1	71	9	36
Ballarat & District	13	10	1	2	73	7	31
Epping City	13	7	2	4	33	18	23
Keilor Wolves	13	7	3	3	25	13	21
Keilor Park	12	7	0	5	29	25	21
Bundoora Utd	12	5	1	6	30	29	16
Brunswick Zebras	13	3	3	7	22	19	12
Sunbury Utd	13	4	0	9	13	50	12
Hoppers Crossing	13	3	0	10	10	67	9
Gisborne	13	1	0	12	6	75	3

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
FC Bulleen Lions	13	10	2	1	46	10	32
Boroondara Eagles	13	9	1	3	32	9	28
Ashburton	13	7	2	4	23	11	23
Boroondara Eagles	13	6	3	4	22	12	21
FC Clifton Hill	13	6	3	4	20	19	21
Oakleigh Cannons	13	3	4	6	13	33	13
Croydon City Arrows	13	1	2	10	10	41	5
Malvern City	13	1	1	11	4	35	4

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	13	12	0	1	69	10	36
Eltham Redback FC	12	9	1	2	31	14	28
South Melbourne	13	7	3	3	35	18	24
FC Bulleen Lions	13	7	3	3	28	15	24
Ashburton 1	13	7	0	6	25	25	21
Knox City	12	6	1	5	23	21	19
Boroondara Eagles	12	5	2	5	16	16	17
Kensington JGSC	13	4	4	5	22	24	16
Ashburton 2	12	5	1	6	15	23	16
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	3	1	9	10	32	10
Croydon City Arrows	12	1	1	10	4	42	4
Glen Waverley	12	0	1	11	5	43	1

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Eagles	13	11	2	0	70	12	35
Croydon City Arrows	12	8	3	1	33	11	27
Ashburton	12	8	2	2	31	9	26
FC Bulleen Lions	13	6	4	3	32	12	22
Knox City	13	6	0	7	18	18	18
Whitehorse Utd	11	5	1	5	23	22	16
Mooroolbark	11	3	1	7	10	25	10
Doncaster Rovers	12	3	1	8	24	41	10
Kensington JGSC	12	2	2	8	19	46	8
Sherbrooke Rangers	13	0	2	11	7	71	2

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	13	12	0	1	71	8	36
South Melbourne	13	9	1	3	55	16	28
Alphington	13	8	1	4	26	15	25
Boroondara Eagles 1	13	7	0	6	38	28	21
Boroondara Eagles 2	13	6	2	5	32	24	20
Ashburton	13	4	0	9	21	56	12
Oakleigh Cannons	13	2	1	10	9	36	7
Nunawading City FC	13	1	1	11	12	81	1

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 C

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Waverley	13	10	1	2	32	7	31
Waverley Victory	13	8	1	4	39	25	25
Oakleigh Cannons	13	7	1	5	20	17	22
Brandon Park	13	7	0	6	34	26	21
Watsonia Heights	13	5	3	5	34	24	18
FC Bulleen Lions	13	5	2	6	25	18	17
Greenvale Utd	12	3	2	7	14	33	11
DOC Utd	12	1	0	11	16	64	3

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 D

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra Jets	12	10	2	0	58	13	32
Eltham Redback FC	12	9	2	1	41	8	29
Eastern Lions	13	6	1	6	14	25	19
Boronia	13	3	3	7	22	33	12
South Yarra	12	2	1	9	12	43	7
Croydon City Arrows	12	1	3	8	16	41	6

Girls South East - South 13-14 A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham	11	11	0	0	62	0	33
Brighton	12	10	0	2	40	9	30
Berwick City	11	8	0	3	33	10	24
Carrum Utd	11	5	0	6	19	27	15
Peninsula	10	2	0	8	3	27	6
North Caulfield	12	1	1	10	4	40	4
Hampton	11	1	1	9	5	53	4

Girls South East - South 13-14 B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham 1	13	11	2	0	62	6	35
North Caulfield	13	11	2	0	54	8	35
Mornington	13	8	1	4	34	25	25
Sandringham 2	13	5	5	3	18	8	20
Carrum Utd	13	6	1	6	20	28	19
Brighton 1	13	4	3	6	23	18	15
Southern Stars	13	3	4	6	14	25	13
Casey Panthers	13	2	5	6	12	34	11
Brighton 2	13	2	3	8	21	30	9
Hampton	13	0	0	13	3	79	0

Girls South East - South 13-14 C

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
White Star Dandenong	12	12	0	0	75	2	36
East Bentleigh	13	12	0	1	59	8	36
Langwarrin	13	7	2	4	34	42	23
Berwick City	12	5	3	4	25	15	18
Oakleigh Cannons	13	4	6	3	24	24	18
Rosebud	12	4	4	4	18	16	16
Sandringham	13	3	6	4	22	22	15
Mornington	13	3	5	5	15	24	14
Seaford Utd	12	2	4	6	9	34	10
Endeavour Utd	12	2	3	7	6	27	9
Glen Eira	13	1	4	8	9	26	7
Yarra Jets	12	1	1	10	8	64	4

Girls South East - South 15-16 A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham	12	9	1	2	44	13	28
Carrum Utd	10	8	2	0	45	7	26
Dandenong City	10	7	0	3	27	13	21
Mornington	8	5	1	2	26	17	16
Peninsula	10	5	1	4	17	10	16
Baxter	11	4	0	7	23	27	12
North Caulfield	11	3	1	7	16	31	10
Southern Stars	11	3	0	8	10	34	9
Glen Eira	11	0	0	11	4	60	0

Girls South East - South 15-16 B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Carrum Utd	13	12	1	0	59	7	37
Langwarrin	13	11	1	1	63	12	34
Noble Park	13	11	0	2	69	19	33
Peninsula	13	5	3	5	41	45	18
Brighton	12	5	1	6	37	30	16
North Caulfield	13	4	1	8	30	51	13
Casey Panthers	12	3	2	7	17	27	11
Mornington	10	3	1	6	18	41	10
Sandringham	12	2	2	8	23	37	8
Bayside Knights	13	0	0	13	10	98	0

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	13	12	1	0	72	5	37
Bundoora Utd	12	10	2	0	57	9	32
Brunswick Zebras	12	6	2	4	31	20	20
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	5	4	3	27	21	19
St Albans Saints	13	5	2	6	22	21	17
Watsonia Heights	13	5	2	6	22	28	17
Essendon Royals	12	4	1	7	13	20	13
Banyule City	13	3	4	6	16	30	13
Pascoe Vale	13	1	4	8	9	43	7
Sunbury Utd	13	1	0	12	5	77	3

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park	13	13	0	0	56	5	39
Diamond Valley Utd	13	12	0	1	39	1	36
Bundoora Utd	13	7	1	5	25	12	22
Yarra Jets	13	5	2	6	22	25	17
Cairnlea	13	5	1	7	14	32	16
Williamstown	13	3	1	9	11	40	10
Brunswick Zebras	13	1	3	9	6	21	6
Sydenham Park	13	2	0	11	10	47	6

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	12	12	0	0	74	5	36
Bundoora Utd	11	9	0	2	66	10	27
Keilor Park	12	9	0	3	45	23	27
Sydenham Park	12	7	0	5	35	32	21
Whittlesea Ranges FC	12	4	0	8	11	33	12
Werribee City	11	3	2	6	16	32	11
Brunswick Zebras	11	3	0	8	11	40	9
Heidelberg Utd	12	2	1	9	19	60	4
Banyule City	11	1	1	9	12	54	4

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Watsonia Heights	12	11	1	0	69	6	34
Brimbank Stallions	12	11	0	1	105	7	33
Brunswick Zebras	13	8	1	4	48	16	25
Spring Hills	12	7	2	3	23	11	23
Sydenham Park	11	7	1	3	55	16	22
Altona City	11	7	0	4	33	21	21
Keilor Park	12	5	3	4	20	24	18
Cairnlea	12	5	1	6	29	41	16

Essendon Royals	12	4	2	6	35	51	14
Brimbank City	12	3	1	8	10	50	10
Whittlesea Utd	11	1	1	9	4	61	4
Bacchus Marsh	12	1	0	11	12	89	3
North City Lions	12	0	1	11	3	53	1

Central SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Alphington	13	11	1	1	55	19	34
South Melbourne	12	10	1	1	49	23	31
Melbourne Athletic JFC	13	7	2	4	47	34	23
Melbourne Lions	12	7	0	5	39	34	21
Yarraville Glory	11	6	1	4	37	16	19
FC Clifton Hill	13	6	1	6	45	38	19
Port Melbourne	12	5	3	4	37	28	18
Malvern City	12	3	1	8	29	50	10
Yarra Jets	13	2	0	11	19	51	6
South Yarra	13	0	0	13	4	68	0

Central SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne 1	11	10	0	1	46	7	30
FC Clifton Hill	11	9	0	2	42	12	27
Port Melbourne	13	9	0	4	43	16	27
South Melbourne 2	12	8	1	3	35	23	25
FC Demons	12	3	1	8	15	32	10
Malvern City	12	3	0	9	19	44	9
Yarra Jets	12	1	2	9	9	45	5
South Yarra	9	1	0	8	12	42	3

East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Waverley 3	12	9	2	1	40	16	28
Boronia	12	9	0	3	56	25	27
Glen Waverley 2	13	8	2	3	51	27	26
Glen Waverley 1	12	8	1	3	46	23	25
Knox City	13	6	1	6	36	38	19
Mooroolbark	13	3	0	10	15	40	9
Croydon City Arrows	11	2	0	9	13	45	6
Montrose	12	0	2	10	7	50	1

East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh Cannons 3	12	12	0	0	61	3	36
Oakleigh Cannons 2	12	10	1	1	54	16	31
Oakleigh Cannons 1	13	9	1	3	48	19	28
Knox Utd 1	12	6	1	5	34	24	19
Knox Utd 2	13	5	2	6	38	44	17
Eastern Lions	12	5	1	6	26	33	16
Ringwood City	13	4	2	7	27	37	14
Croydon City Arrows	12	3	3	6	15	31	12
Waverley Victory	13	1	1	11	10	60	4
Montrose	12	1	0	11	13	59	3

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	13	11	1	1	57	18	34
Mooroolbark 1	13	10	2	1	49	13	32
Glen Waverley 1	12	5	2	5	28	35	17
Croydon City Arrows	13	4	1	8	17	27	13
Glen Waverley 2	12	2	2	8	17	42	8
Mooroolbark 2	13	2	0	11	20	53	6

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ringwood City	12	11	0	1	41	7	33
Oakleigh Cannons 1	12	10	1	1	34	11	31
Oakleigh Cannons 2	13	7	2	4	29	12	23
Knox Utd	13	6	2	5	35	27	20
Eastern Lions	12	5	2	5	34	22	17
Brandon Park	13	4	1	8	32	31	13
Glen Waverley	12	3	0	9	14	47	9
Cardinia Utd	13	0	0	13	5	67	0

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash City	13	10	3	0	57	9	33
Oakleigh Cannons 1	13	7	3	3	38	25	24
Waverley Victory	13	6	5	2	43	29	23
Oakleigh Cannons 2	13	5	1	7	29	44	16
Waverley Wanderers	12	3	1	8	20	30	10
Cardinia Utd	12	0	1	11	3	53	1

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
DOC Utd	13	12	1	0	50	6	37
Eltham North 1	13	11	1	1	48	8	34
Manningham 1	13	8	2	3	41	18	26
Ashburton 2	13	7	1	5	34	33	22
Ashburton 3	13	5	4	4	41	37	19
Ashburton 1	12	4	3	5	36	28	15
Manningham 2	12	4	1	7	27	33	13
Wonga Park Wizards JFC	12	4	0	8	23	44	12
Eltham North 3	13	1	1	11	15	54	4
Eltham North 2	12	0	0	12	9	63	0

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Lime (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City FC	13	12	1	0	70	11	34
FC Bulleen Lions	13	11	1	1	59	12	34
Whitehorse Utd	13	9	0	4	52	35	27
Doncaster Rovers 1	13	7	1	5	36	31	22
Boroondara Eagles	12	7	0	5	30	26	21
Ashburton 2	12	5	1	6	35	37	15
Doncaster Rovers 2	13	5	0	8	31	48	15
Ashburton 1	13	2	1	10	20	44	6
Riversdale	13	2	0	11	23	62	6
Box Hill Inter	13	1	1	11	23	73	4

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Red (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	13	12	0	1	61	10	36
FC Bulleen Lions 1	13	10	2	1	50	20	32
Boroondara Eagles 1	13	10	1	2	39	14	31
Boroondara Eagles 2	13	7	1	5	34	22	22
FC Bulleen Lions 2	12	6	1	5	32	35	19
Whitehorse Utd 2	13	5	1	7	21	29	16
Doncaster Rovers	13	4	2	7	22	31	14
Ashburton 1	13	2	2	9	12	42	8
Whitehorse Utd 1	13	2	0	11	24	54	6
Ashburton 2	12	1	0	11	17	55	3

North East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton 2	13	11	1	1	51	13	34
FC Bulleen Lions 1	13	9	4	0	41	16	31
Eltham North 2	13	8	2	3	34	24	26
Eltham North 1	13	7	1	5	34	28	22
Nunawading City FC 2	12	6	0	6	46	37	18
Manningham	13	5	2	6	25	23	17
Ashburton 1	12	5	2	5	22	27	17
FC Bulleen Lions 2	13	3	0	10	11	39	9
Ashburton 3	13	2	1	10	18	49	7
Nunawading City FC 1	13	1	1	11	31	57	1

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whitehorse Utd 2	12	11	1	0	52	7	34
FC Demons	12	9	2	1	44	10	29
Riversdale	11	6	3	2	27	11	21
Richmond 1	12	5	3	4	22	19	18
FC Bulleen Lions	12	5	3	4	20	17	18
Richmond 2	11	4	2	5	20	22	14
Boroondara Eagles	10	4	2	4	19	24	14
Ashburton	11	4	0	7	25	31	12
Doncaster Rovers	12	3	1	8	15	35	10
Box Hill Inter	12	2	1	9	20	45	7
Whitehorse Utd 1	11	1	0	10	8	51	3

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Blue (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond 1	11	10	1	0	44	6	31
FC Bulleen Lions 1	11	9	2	0	34	3	29
Epping City	12	9	0	3	29	18	27
FC Bulleen Lions 2	11	6	1	4	31	15	19
Elwood City	12	6	0	6	30	29	18
Richmond 2	12	3	3	6	18	15	12
Boroondara Eagles	10	2	1	7	9	37	7
Ashburton	11	2	0	9	11	43	6
Bye	0				0	0	0
Doncaster Rovers	12	0	0	12	8	48	0

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Yellow (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	11	9	2	0	39	9	29
Whitehorse Utd	12	8	3	1	34	16	27
Doncaster Rovers	12	8	1	3	46	20	25
FC Bulleen Lions 1	12	6	2	4	26	19	20
FC Bulleen Lions 2	11	6	1	4	24	22	19
Riversdale	12	5	1	6	36	33	16
Richmond 1	12	4	0	8	19	38	12
Ashburton	11	1	0	10	10	42	3
Richmond 2	11	0	0	11	6	41	0

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Pink (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
DOC Utd	12	11	1	0	45	8	34
Knox Utd	13	10	1	2	42	14	31
Boroondara Eagles	13	9	1	3	38	14	28
Oakleigh Cannons	13	6	2	5	31	20	20
Ashburton 2	12	4	3	5	29	25	15
Ringwood City	12	3	1	8	24	44	10
Ashburton 1	12	1	1	10	16	50	4
Box Hill Inter	13	1	0	12	9	59	3

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Purple (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton 1	12	10	1	1	35	10	31
Croydon City Arrows	12	9	2	1	34	12	29
Ringwood City	12	3	6	3	12	13	15
Ashburton 2	12	3	3	6	16	25	12
Boroondara Eagles	13	2	3	8	11	30	9
Mooroolbark	13	1	3	9	9	27	6

North SSF Boys 11 Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor Utd	13	11	2	0	53	9	35
Northcote City	12	9	1	2	46	17	28
Mitchell Rangers	13	8	0	5	41	30	24
Watsonia Heights	13	5	1	7	25	43	16
Bundoora Utd 1	12	5	0	7	22	30	15
Banyule City	12	4	0	8	23	44	12
Whittlesea Ranges FC	12	2	3	7	21	34	9
Diamond Valley Utd	11	1	1	9	14	38	4

North SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City	12	12	0	0	50	11	36
Whittlesea Ranges 1	13	10	2	1	43	8	32
Banyule City	12	8	2	2	43	12	26
Preston Lions 1	12	8	0	4	38	20	24
Whittlesea Ranges 2	13	6	1	6	38	34	19
Bundoora Utd 1	12	5	0	7	27	28	15
Bundoora Utd 2	12	4	1	7	28	26	13
Epping City	13	2	1	10	13	55	7
Preston Lions 2	13	2	0	11	15	58	6
Lalor	12	1	1	10	10	53	4

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Orange (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Flemington Eagles	13	12	1	0	62	6	37
Fawkner	13	10	2	1	51	12	32
Essendon Royals	13	10	0	3	45	22	30
Brunswick City	12	8	1	3	35	24	25
Pascoe Vale 2	13	6	0	7	26	36	18
Oak Park SC	13	4	2	7	21	39	14
Pascoe Vale 1	12	3	1	8	28	38	10
Meadow Park Eagles	13	3	1	9	25	44	10
Sunbury Utd	13	3	0	10	24	53	9
Gisborne	13	1	0	12	19	62	3

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Purple (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendon Royals	13	11	1	1	61	22	34
Pascoe Vale	13	9	1	3	50	18	28
Brunswick City	13	8	2	3	36	17	26
Hume City	12	8	3	1	41	18	24
Meadow Park Eagles	12	6	4	2	35	13	22
Flemington Eagles	13	5	3	5	37	33	18
Light Utd	13	4	2	7	14	38	14
North City Lions	13	4	0	9	27	43	12
Moreland City	13	1	0	12	10	50	3
Brunswick Zebras	13	0	0	13	3	62	0

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Red (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	13	11	2	0	50	10	35
Essendon Royals	12	7	4	1	44	23	25
Hume City	12	9	0	3	46	15	24
Pascoe Vale	13	6	4	3	44	23	22
Upfield	13	4	2	7	29	35	14
Sunbury Utd	13	3	3	7	22	43	12
North City Lions	12	1	1	10	9	54	4
Moreland Utd	12	1	0	11	7	48	0

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Purple (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick City	13	12	1	0	61	7	37
Essendon Royals	13	12	1	0	61	8	37
Brunswick Zebras 1	13	9	1	3	36	26	28
Melbourne Phoenix	13	7	2	4	44	24	23
Moreland Utd	13	7	2	4	42	27	20
Avondale Heights	13	5	1	7	21	32	16
North City Lions	12	3	0	9	23	51	9
Brunswick Zebras 2	13	3	0	10	15	44	9
Flemington Eagles	13	1	0	12	15	52	3
Moreland City	12	1	0	11	12	59	3

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Red (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Pascoe Vale	13	13	0	0	61	10	39
Fawkner	13	10	0	3	49	15	30
Keilor Wolves	13	11	0	2	53	26	30
Light Utd	13	7	0	6	38	29	21
Essendon Royals 1	13	6	2	5	39	25	20
Moreland City	13	5	2	6	30	44	17
Gisborne	13	3	3	7	33	44	12
Upfield	13	3	1	9	18	42	10
Brunswick Zebras	13	2	0	11	20	51	6
Essendon Royals 2	13	1	0	12	10	65	3

North West-North-Central SSF Girls 11 (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Banyule City 1	13	12	1	0	49	2	37
South Yarra	12	9	3	0	44	3	30
FC Clifton Hill	12	8	1	3	19	19	25
Banyule City 2	13	8	0	5	27	19	24
Kensington JGSC	12	8	0	4	32	26	24
Greenvale Utd	11	6	0	5	30	22	18
Fawkner	12	5	0	7	21	25	15
Essendon Royals	12	4	1	7	22	35	13
South Melbourne 2	13	2	1	10	12	44	7
South Melbourne 1	12	1	0	11	13	44	3
Yarra Jets	12	0	1	11	12	42	1

North-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeys/Kangaroos (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne	11	11	0	0	53	4	33
FC Clifton Hill	11	9	0	2	47	14	27
Bundoora Utd 1	10	7	0	3	38	16	21
Sporting Whittlesea	11	7	0	4	42	30	21
Yarra Jets	12	6	0	6	32	30	18

Watsonia Heights	12	5	0	7	20	34	15
Banyule City	11	2	1	8	6	33	7
Whittlesea Ranges FC	10	1	0	9	8	45	3
Bundoora Utd 2	10	0	1	9	6	46	1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Blue (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Beaumaris 1	13	10	2	1	49	12	32
Hampton 1	13	8	1	4	41	27	25
Hampton 2	13	6	3	4	30	24	21
Brighton 3	13	7	0	6	30	27	21
Glen Eira	13	6	3	4	20	21	21
Brighton 2	13	6	1	6	28	33	19
Bayside Argonauts	13	5	3	5	31	25	18
Dandenong Warriors	13	5	2	6	30	33	17
East Bentleigh	13	3	3	7	33	38	12
Sandringham City	13	4	0	9	23	36	12
Beaumaris 2	12	3	3	6	21	39	12
Brighton 1	12	3	1	8	21	42	10

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Green (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh 1	5	5	0	0	25	5	15
Glen Eira 3	5	4	0	1	17	8	12
Brighton 3	6	3	0	3	14	21	9
Glen Eira 1	4	2	2	0	18	6	8
Beaumaris 2	4	2	2	0	13	7	8
Brighton 1	4	2	1	1	17	13	7
Sandringham City 2	5	1	2	2	9	14	5
Brighton 2	6	1	1	4	14	18	4
Glen Eira 2	5	1	1	3	10	21	4
Beaumaris 1	5	1	0	4	4	18	3
Sandringham City 1	5	0	1	4	8	18	1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Green (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City	12	10	1	1	54	22	31
North Caulfield	11	9	2	0	42	14	29
Aspendale	12	5	3	4	33	37	18
Sandringham City	11	5	3	3	28	17	17
North Caulfield	11	5	1	5	27	29	16
Brighton	12	3	3	6	26	32	12
Southern Suburbs	12	3	3	6	30	30	11
Brighton	11	2	0	9	17	46	6
Bentleigh Greens	10	1	0	9	12	42	3

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Orange (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bayside Knights	12	10	1	1	53	15	31
East Bentleigh	11	9	1	1	37	12	28
Brighton	11	7	1	3	29	15	22
Beaumaris	12	4	3	5	24	22	15
Sandringham City	12	4	1	7	14	34	13
Aspendale	12	3	2	7	23	33	11
North Caulfield 2	11	0	1	10	6	42	1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeys Yellow (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
East Bentleigh	12	7	4	1	41	19	25
Sandringham City	12	8	0	4	34	17	24
Hampton	12	7	2	3	35	18	23
Bayside Knights	12	7	2	3	23	15	23
North Caulfield 1	13	6	2	5	26	23	20
Caulfield Cobras	13	5	0	8	35	42	15
Brighton	13	3	2	8	15	31	11
North Caulfield 2	13	1	0	12	5	49	3

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton	6	6	0	0	34	4	18
Bayside Argonauts	5	4	0	1	17	8	12
Sandringham City 2	5	3	0	2	12	14	9
Brighton 1	5	3	0	2	12	14	9
Sandringham City 1	6	2	1	3	8	7	7
Brighton 2	6	0	1	5	4	19	1
Hampton	5	0	0	5	2	23	0

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City 1	13	11	1	1	51	9	34
North Caulfield 2	12	11	0	1	42	16	33
Sandringham City 2	13	8	2	3	42	23	26
North Caulfield 1	13	8	0	5	34	22	24
Hampton	13	5	1	7	27	30	16
Aspendale	12	3	0	9	17	41	9
Bentleigh Greens	13	2	0	11	11	41	6
Bayside Knights	13	1	0	12	11	53	3

South East-South SSF Girls 11 Joeys Pink (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton 2	12	10	2	0	49	10	32
Mornington	13	9	4	0	38	6	31
East Bentleigh	13	8	4	1	51	24	28
North Caulfield 1	12	7	1	4	26	23	22
Brighton 1	13	5	1	7	28	35	16
Sandringham 2	12	4	2	6	19	31	14
North Caulfield 2	13	4	2	7	17	30	14
Hampton	12	3	1	8	17	30	10
Bayside Argonauts	12	1	2	9	9	43	5
Sandringham 1	12	1	1	10	15	37	4

South East-Sth SSF Girls 11 Kang Purple (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	12	10	2	0	48	7	32
Sandringham 1	13	9	3	1	44	13	30
Mornington	12	5	4	3	21	16	19
Beaumaris	13	4	0	9	15	35	12
Sandringham 2	13	1	4	8	8	29	7
North Caulfield	13	2	1	10	11	47	7

South SSF Boys 11 Joeys Blue (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton Park Utd	12	11	0	1	56	12	33
Endeavour Utd	12	9	2	1	48	18	29
Langwarrin	13	9	2	2	51	22	29
Noble Park	12	8	0	4	40	22	24
Berwick City	13	7	0	6	35	22	21
Doveton	13	6	1	6	28	19	19
Mornington	13	5	3	5	23	28	18
Peninsula 1	12	5	1	6	37	42	16
Casey Panthers	13	4	1	8	22	32	13
Peninsula 2	13	4	1	8	24	42	13
Casey Comets	12	1	0	11	16	68	3
Carrum Utd	12	0	1	11	5	58	1

South SSF Boys 11 Joeys Lime (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heatherton Utd	12	12	0	0	61	18	36
Springvale White Eagles	13	10	0	3	53	18	30
Dandenong Thunder	12	9	1	2	48	14	28
Langwarrin	13	8	2	3	53	33	26
Berwick City 2	13	8	1	4	46	35	25
South Springvale	13	4	0	9	25	52	12
Hampton Park Utd	12	3	2	7	33	47	11
Casey Panthers	12	2	2	8	31	51	8
Peninsula	13	1	2	10	22	57	5
Berwick City 1	13	1	0	12	20	67	3

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Blue (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Eastern Piranhas	13	11	2	0	55	12	35
Springvale White Eagles	13	10	2	1	63	18	32
Mornington	13	8	2	3	39	24	26
Dandenong Thunder	12	8	1	3	26	23	25
Carrum Utd	13	5	4	4	36	32	19
Peninsula	13	4	3	6	24	22	15
Berwick City	13	4	2	7	28	42	14
Langwarrin	13	4	0	9	22	43	12
Casey Panthers	13	2	0	11	9	45	6
Southern Stars	12	0	0	12	10	51	0

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Lime (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	13	11	1	1	73	29	34
Hampton Park Utd	13	11	0	2	63	29	33
Casey Comets	13	9	1	3	49	34	28
South Springvale	13	8	1	4	51	32	25
Mornington	13	7	0	6	45	37	21
Carrum Utd	13	5	3	5	28	24	18
South Eastern Piranhas	13	5	3	5	40	38	18
Endeavour Utd	13	3	1	9	15	37	10
Keysborough	13	1	0	12	23	65	3
Langwarrin	13	0	0	13	3	65	0

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City 1	13	11	2	0	58	20	35
Casey Comets	13	10	1	2	53	18	31
Doveton	13	9	2	2	50	24	29
Peninsula	13	8	2	3	49	26	26
Mornington 1	13	7	4	2	41	19	25
Mornington 2	13	4	2	7	15	34	14
South Springvale	13	4	1	8	25	42	13
Berwick City 2	12	2	0	10	26	62	6
Langwarrin	12	1	2	9	16	40	5
James Cook FC	13	0	0	13	8	56	0

West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Green (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea 1	13	13	0	0	51	7	39
Cairnlea 2	13	9	2	2	59	27	29
Point Cook FC	12	8	1	3	28	23	25
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	7	1	4	36	29	22
Hoppers Crossing	13	5	3	5	30	24	18
Melton	13	4	3	6	31	46	15
Altona East Phoenix	12	4	2	6	27	25	14
Spring Hills 1	13	2	6	5	20	23	12
Spring Hills 2	13	1	2	10	7	35	5
Bacchus Marsh	12	0	0	12	16	66	0

West SSF Boys 11 Joeys Yellow (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank City	13	11	1	1	35	3	34
Sydenham Park	13	9	0	4	45	22	27
Werribee City	13	8	1	4	31	21	25
Keilor Park	13	8	1	4	25	15	25
Cairnlea	13	7	0	6	33	24	21
Barnstoneworth Utd	12	5	1	6	26	26	16
Point Cook FC	12	4	3	5	21	18	15
Satellite City Utd	12	4	0	8	28	49	12
St Albans Saints	12	1	2	9	14	42	5
Green Gully Cavaliers	13	1	1	11	10	48	4

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Orange (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City	13	11	1	1	49	17	34
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	10	2	0	41	7	32
Sunshine George Cross	13	10	1	2	47	16	31
Sydenham Park	12	7	2	3	31	14	23
St Albans Saints	12	5	1	6	50	58	16
Hoppers Crossing	13	4	2	7	26	33	14
Melbourne Knights	13	3	4	6	29	29	10
Altona Magic	12	2	3	7	27	37	9
Sunshine Heights	13	2	1	10	21	53	7
Laverton Park	13	0	1	12	2	59	1

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Yellow (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine George Cross	13	11	0	2	59	17	33
Green Gully Cavaliers 2	12	8	1	3	27	16	25
Green Gully Cavaliers 1	12	8	1	3	30	21	25
Altona East Phoenix	13	7	3	3	39	24	24
Spring Hills	13	6	2	5	37	26	20
Williamstown	13	5	3	5	28	30	18
Altona City	13	4	3	6	24	34	15
Brimbank Stallions	12	4	2	6	22	28	14
Keilor Park	12	4	2	6	18	26	14
Sunshine Heights	13	4	2	7	19	29	14
Ballarat Academy of Soccer	12	4	1	7	23	34	13
Barnstoneworth Utd	12	0	0	12	5	46	0

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeys (Sun)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cairnlea	13	13	0	0	59	7	39
Sunshine George Cross	13	10	2	1	60	26	32
Williamstown	13	9	2	2	44	22	29
Altona City 1	13	9	0	4	42	24	27
Green Gully Cavaliers 1	12	8	2	2	45	13	26
Keilor Park	13	5	0	8	15	34	15
Melbourne Knights	13	5	1	7	34	38	13
Spring Hills	12	3	2	7	23	32	11
Green Gully Cavaliers 2	12	3	1	8	10	30	10
Altona City 2	13	3	0	10	13	46	9
Point Cook FC	13	2	0	11	11	47	6
Brimbank Stallions	12	1	0	11	10	47	3

SEWFA DETAILS

UNDER 14S

Wanderers 2 d City 0
Goal scorers: Wanderers - P Ackland, M Sims

Palace 7 d County 0
Goal scorers: Palace - S McCarthy 3, A Pilven 2, I Pratt 2

Villa 3 d Millicent 0
Goal scorers: Villa - J Donaldson 2, N Koczak

SENIORS

Wanderers 1 drew with Palace 1
Goal scorers: Wanderers - K Jenz-Walker
Palace - J McCormick

United 8 d Villa 0
Goal scorers: United - K Seiler 4, P Edmonds 2, T Frost, A Cutting

City 3 d County 0
Goal scorers: City - J Smith, L Birch, T Grant

Portland 2 d Millicent 0
Goal scorers: Portland - K Kilgour

Bergers hot on Inter's heels

By Niki Cook

Round 14 of the Victorian Women's Premier League again demonstrated the ability of the league to throw up surprises this year, with Preston going within a whisker of upsetting Ashburton before settling for a point. Elsewhere, South and Casey shared the points as well, with Heidelberg United triumphing over Bendigo Vipers.

A goal in each half was enough for Heidelberg United to secure the three points from a potentially tricky road trip to Bendigo. The win moves United to level on points with ladder leader Box Hill Inter, for the time being at least, and gives it the upper hand in the race to secure a top two finish and the double chance in the finals. Julia Nicolaci and Melanie Camilleri were the goalscorers for the visiting side. The defeat, Bendigo's seventh of the season, means that it is still not out of the woods where relegation is concerned, especially as its remaining three matches are all away games. Bendigo has slipped a place on the ladder to seventh, but still four points ahead of bottom side Altona City.

South Melbourne and Casey Comets bounced back from their respective defeats in Round 13, to play out a stalemate at McIvor Reserve on Sunday. In a game of few chances, a draw was a fitting result, as neither side was able to break the game open. The result leaves Casey fifth on sixteen points, with South one place and four points behind. Casey can, theoretically, still break into the top four, but it has a fairly tough run in, and would need to rely on Ashburton losing matches. South has climbed a place on the ladder as a result on the draw, overtaking Bendigo, but it, too, is still not safe from relegation.

Preston Lions picked up another valuable point, but it will rue the two that got away, as it surrendered a two goal advantage at Ashburton on Sunday afternoon. After a goalless first half the match exploded into life after the interval, with Preston establishing a two goal lead within the first ten minutes of the restart with Joanna Meletis and Sarah Sumner both on target for the visiting side. Having defeated South Melbourne last week, Preston looked on track for its second successive victory, but Ashburton had other ideas. It pulled a goal back with just over twenty minutes left on the clock, but could not find the further breakthrough it required to square the match. Deep into injury time Preston still held the advantage, but Ashburton capitalised on a goalmouth scramble to squeeze the ball into the net with the last kick of the match, and claim a share of the points.

Laura Croft (Comets) makes a determined effort to stop Mel Aloisi (South Melbourne) from disposing of the ball. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

While Preston will no doubt be disappointed to have let the game slip at such a late stage, the point it did gain gives it a valuable advantage over bottom side Altona City. With tough matches against the top two sides still to play, as well as the sides directly above and below it, that one point could yet save Preston from the drop. For Ashburton, it missed the chance to go third, but it will be relieved to have left the match with any points at all.

The final match of the round, between Box Hill Inter and Sandringham , took place on Monday evening, after the time of going to print.

With the top four virtually decided, in Round 15 the attention will be on the bottom of the ladder, and those at risk of relegation, as the bottom four sides face off against each other. The action begins on Saturday afternoon at BT Connor Reserve, when Preston Lions will be looking to extend its unbeaten run to three, as it hosts Bendigo Vipers, with both sides looking to get out of relegation danger. Altona City and South Melbourne clash at HC Kim Reserve on Sunday, in a real six-pointer of a game, which could also go a long way to determining which team will be relegated at the end of the season.

Also on Sunday, Heidelberg United and Casey Comets meet at Olympic Village, while Ashburton and Sandringham meet at Ashburton Park. Box Hill Inter has the bye.

Laura Spiranovic (lrft) of South Melbourne takes on Vanessa Hellar of Casey Comets. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

WPL RESULTS

Bendigo Vipers 0
Heidelberg Utd 2
(M Camilleri JL Nicolaci)

South Melbourne Womens 0 Casey Comets 0

Ashburton 2
(E Curo C Pfeiffer)
Preston Lions 2
(J Meletis S Sumner)

Reserves:
BASL 0 Heidelberg Utd 4, South Melbourne 1 Casey Comets 3, Ashburton 10 Preston Lions 1

WPL NEXT ROUND

Preston Lions v Bendigo Vipers
BT Connor Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 1:00PM

Altona City v South Melbourne Womens
HC Kim Reserve
Sun 1 Aug KO 1:00PM

Heidelberg Utd v Casey Comets
Olympic Park (Village)
Sun 1 Aug KO 1:00PM

Ashburton v Sandringham
Ashburton Park
Sun 1 Aug KO 3:00PM

Bye v Box Hill Inter

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Box Hill Inter	12	8	3	1	35	10	27
Heidelberg Utd	12	9	0	3	30	14	27
Sandringham	12	7	2	3	24	13	23
Ashburton	12	7	1	4	33	21	22
Casey Comets	12	5	1	6	19	22	16
South Melbourne	13	3	3	7	13	21	12
Bendigo Vipers	13	3	3	7	13	24	12
Preston Lions	12	2	3	7	12	31	9
Altona City	12	2	2	8	8	31	8

WPL RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashburton	12	9	2	1	47	9	29
Casey Comets	12	7	2	3	24	10	23
Heidelberg Utd	12	6	4	2	25	11	22
Sandringham	12	6	4	2	21	14	22
South Melbourne	13	6	3	4	23	15	21
Box Hill Inter	12	6	2	4	28	14	20
BASL	13	3	1	9	11	45	10
Altona City	12	1	2	9	12	31	5
Preston Lions	12	0	2	10	6	48	2

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Warriors Return to Winning Ways

By Aritro Abedin

A certain sense of calm was restored to the State League Division One this weekend after last week's manic round of upsets, with Langwarrin taking the three points against struggling Whittlesea to reclaim their place in the promotion zone. Pascoe Vale continued their superb recent form with a commanding win over Clifton Hill to take them into fifth place, while North Geelong brought some life back to their season with a win over Malvern City.

Langwarrin were back at home after last week's stunning 4-0 loss to lowly Clifton Hill, a result that would have left Gus Mcleod's charges asking serious questions of themselves. However, they made amends in impressive style this week, eking out a 1-0 result over the Zebras to climb back into 2nd place and showing the sort of resolve that sides need to win promotion at this level. Joe Harris was the scorer for Langwarrin.

Pascoe Vale have been irresistible in recent times, having compiled an unbeaten record since Round 9 while picking up 14 out of a possible 18 points in the process. They were superb again as they routed visiting Clifton Hill 3-0 at Hosken Reserve. Jason Principato, Zlate Matlioski and Adrian Talarico were the scorers for the home side, who now edge to within 2 points of 2nd placed Langwarrin.

Pascoe Vale coach George Kakaletsis was quick to acknowledge that his team enjoyed some luck when Clifton Hill's goalkeeper was sent off for a last ditch challenge that handed Zlate Matlioski his penalty. 'It was a pretty even first half, and Clifton Hill were a lot better than they were when we played them in Round 1.

But the penalty really changed the game which usually happens when a player gets sent off and we really increased our intensity and our pressure and started creating chances. They had three at the back and we went after them. It was really pleasing to see that we didn't relax and we kept going at them.' However, he was guarded about his team's chances for promotion this season. 'I said to the boys that we need to string some wins together and yes, the last six weeks have been really good for us, especially the last two weeks when we've had back to back wins over Fawkner and Clifton Hill. As for our promotion chances, well next week will be a real test for us when we play Langwarrin. We're only two points away so it's definitely up for grabs. But I've always said that we have the squad to get promoted, we just need to get some consistency into our play. But if we can get 6 points in the next two weeks then we're definitely a chance.'

Meanwhile Fawkner Blues' season continued to waver, succumbing to their second successive defeat against St.Albans in a 2-0 result at Churchill Reserve.

Martin Hana impressed for the home side with a double to his name after an excellent display in front of goal for the Saints. The win ensures the Saints have no chance of falling into the drop zone this season as they now streak 10 points clear of Clifton Hill and Malvern City.

Meanwhile the Blues are still only 1 point off second placed Langwarrin, but they desperately need to get their season back on track when they play top of the table Springvale White Eagles next Friday night.

North Geelong bounced back from successive losses against ladder leaders Springvale and Bulleen with a much needed away win against Malvern at Kingston Heath.

The 3-0 score-line did not do justice to a plucky Malvern side who had their share of bright moments and could very well have taken a point from the match had they been more clinical in front of goal. Conversely, Vinko Buljubasic's Warriors made the best of their opportunities and went home with a win that puts them only four points behind second placed Langwarrin.

Former Melbourne Knights NSL premiership player Adrian Cervinksi was man of the match, capturing a brace in a classy display in his favoured position at centre-forward.

It was he who opened the scoring in the 10th minute, receiving a delicate first-touch through ball from Robert Zadworny before going on to beat the keeper with a delightful lob that showcased all his higher-level experience.

He then doubled the lead in the second half with a well struck 25 yard free kick to put his side in the box seat. The busy Robert Zadworny then rounded off a commendable individual display with a header in the last 10 to complete the contest for the Warriors. Vinko Buljubasic said that good finishing was the key to his side's win. 'It was a deserved win, even though they gave us a few scary moments in front of goal, they missed their chances and we did well to take all of ours.'

He also praised the efforts of Robert Zadworny, who has got his name on the scoresheet more times than any other Warriors player this season. 'He's a really tricky player, he's quick and he makes it really hard for defenders to mark him because he's got so much pace. He's been pretty good for us this season.'

The Warriors went into this season probably expecting to be in the running for a promotion spot, but ultimately injuries have cruelled their prospects of playing in the VPL in 2011. Buljubasic reflected on a season that could have been much more productive had all his players been available to him. 'I'm pretty happy with the way the season's gone.

In the last five weeks we've actually had half our squad missing so it's been hard for us. It's also important to note that we've got four players out for the rest of the season so having all these players missing has definitely dented our chances for promotion this season.'

However, The Warriors have a chance to edge closer to second place when they play the out of form Whittlesea Zebras next Saturday.

The all important Bulleen vs Preston and Springvale White Eagles vs Western Suburbs matches were played after we went to print.

Langwarrin goal scorer Joe Harris controls the ball under pressure from Michael Mazzarella. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

Referee Lewis Giuseffi tries to restore calm as Ben Caffrey (Langwarrin) lets Whittlesea keeper Robert Santilli know all about it following a clash between them. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

Arthur Tsonis (left), supported by George Potter, tidies up for Whittlesea, denying Reha Ulusoy a scoring chance PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

SL1 RESULTS

Langwarrin 1 (J Harris)
Whittlesea Zebras 0

Pascoe Vale 3
(J Principato Z Matlioski A Talarico)
FC Clifton Hill 0

Malvern City 0
North Geelong Warriors 3
(A Cervinski 2 R Zadworny)

St Albans Saints 2
(M Hana 2)
Fawkner Blues 0

Under 21s:
Langwarrin 3 Whittlesea Zebras 2, Pascoe Vale 2 FC Clifton Hill 1, Malvern City 0 North Geelong Warriors 3, St Albans Saints 4 Fawkner Blues 2

SL1 NEXT ROUND

Round 16

Fawkner Blues v Springvale White Eagles
CB Smith Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 3:00PM

FC Clifton Hill v St Albans Saints
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v Pascoe Vale
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 3:00PM

Whittlesea Zebras v Nth Geelong Warriors
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 1 Aug KO 3:00PM

Preston Lions v Malvern City
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 1 Aug KO 3:00PM

Western Suburbs v FC Bulleen Lions
Ralph Reserve
Sun 1 Aug KO 3:00PM

SL1 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Springvale White Eagles	14	10	2	2	31	15	32
Langwarrin	15	8	2	5	27	27	26
FC Bulleen Lions	14	7	4	3	26	11	25
Fawkner Blues	15	7	4	4	23	17	25
Pascoe Vale	15	7	3	5	24	19	24
North Geelong Warriors	15	6	4	5	22	12	22
Western Suburbs	14	5	6	3	24	17	21
Whittlesea Zebras	15	6	3	6	19	20	21
St Albans Saints	15	5	8	2	30	22	20
FC Clifton Hill	15	3	1	11	19	30	10
Malvern City	15	3	1	11	9	38	10
Preston Lions	14	1	2	11	10	36	5

SL1 U21 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Geelong Warriors	15	10	3	2	34	13	33
FC Bulleen Lions	14	10	2	2	31	14	32
Langwarrin	15	10	2	3	31	18	32
Pascoe Vale	15	9	0	6	35	23	27
Whittlesea Zebras	14	6	4	4	25	19	22
Springvale White Eagles	14	6	3	5	25	23	21
St Albans Saints	15	7	1	7	26	24	19
Western Suburbs	12	6	1	5	22	25	19
Preston Lions	14	3	3	8	26	32	12
FC Clifton Hill	14	2	4	8	15	32	10
Malvern City	15	2	3	10	18	39	9
Fawkner Blues	15	1	2	12	8	34	5

RESULTS & LADDERS

Victorian State & Provisional Leagues - Round 15

STATE NORTH WEST 2

Seniors

Whittlesea Ranges 2 (S Lamanda N Lazarevski) Sydenham Park 0, Altona City 6 (M Worrall J Little AB Lymn 3 S Di Gioacchino) Geelong Rangers 1 (D Ellis), Ballarat Red Devils 3 (T Romein P McClounan ML Leslie) Altona East Phoenix 2 (B Stafrace N Papadopoulos), Brunswick City 0 Port Melbourne 2 (R O'Hare M Mustafa), Werribee City 2 (A Fesseha N Vucic) Banyule City 0, Williamstown 1 (M Oliveira) Moreland City 2 (K Simsek PA Dickie)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Melbourne	15	11	3	1	28	6	36
Whittlesea Ranges	15	8	6	1	30	15	30
Werribee City	15	8	3	4	22	14	27
Brunswick City	15	7	3	5	22	19	24
Altona City	15	6	4	5	28	23	22
Williamstown	15	6	4	5	15	14	22
Altona East Phoenix	15	5	5	5	22	17	20
Moreland City	15	6	2	7	22	28	20
Ballarat Red Devils	15	5	2	8	21	21	17
Banyule City	15	3	6	6	16	20	15
Geelong Rangers	15	2	2	11	8	38	8
Sydenham Park	15	1	4	10	6	25	7

Reserves

Whittlesea Ranges 2 Sydenham Park 0, Altona City 2 Geelong Rangers 2, Ballarat Red Devils 5 Altona East Phoenix 0, Brunswick City 0 Port Melbourne 2, Werribee City 5 Banyule City 0, Williamstown 2 Moreland City 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Ranges	15	12	2	1	41	15	38
Port Melbourne	15	10	3	2	26	13	33
Altona City	15	8	6	1	26	17	30
Moreland City	13	9	2	2	29	21	29
Ballarat Red Devils	14	9	1	4	36	22	28
Brunswick City	14	6	3	5	25	21	21
Werribee City	15	5	2	8	31	26	17
Williamstown	15	3	5	7	15	23	14
Sydenham Park	15	3	2	10	20	35	11
Geelong Rangers	15	2	5	8	16	35	11
Banyule City	15	2	3	10	13	30	9
Altona East Phoenix	15	2	0	13	14	34	6

STATE SOUTH EAST 2

Seniors

Frankston Pines 1 (M Morris-Thomas) Morwell Pegasus 0, Berwick City 0 Eastern Lions 2 (O Harel 2), Dandenong City 1 (WM Gordon) Southern Stars 1 (K Suat), Heatherton Utd 4 (M Skenderovic A Lolic A Sanad 2) Casey Comets 5 (PM Presti L Ryan B Elmazovski AJ Saunders Own Goal), Knox City 2 (M Evans J Flores) Diamond Valley Utd 3 (L Minopoulos 3), Southern Suburbs 1 (C Mellios) Doncaster Rovers 1 (V Pirozzi)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Southern Stars	15	11	4	0	35	15	37
Diamond Valley Utd	15	11	1	3	41	19	34
Casey Comets	15	9	2	4	33	25	29
Morwell Pegasus	15	8	0	7	30	32	24
Dandenong City	14	6	4	4	27	20	22
Doncaster Rovers	15	6	3	6	23	23	21
Knox City	15	5	5	5	22	23	20
Eastern Lions	15	5	4	6	25	23	19
Heatherton Utd	14	5	4	5	22	22	19
Frankston Pines	15	4	1	10	16	39	13
Southern Suburbs	15	2	2	11	21	35	8
Berwick City	15	1	2	12	10	29	5

Reserves

Frankston Pines 1 Morwell Pegasus 2, Berwick City 2 Eastern Lions 3, Dandenong City Southern Stars , Heatherton Utd 2 Casey Comets 1, Knox City 1 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Southern Suburbs 2 Doncaster Rovers 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Diamond Valley Utd	14	11	1	2	42	16	34
Knox City	15	11	0	4	42	20	33
Southern Stars	14	10	0	4	48	23	30
Eastern Lions	15	9	1	5	30	19	28
Berwick City	15	9	1	5	34	34	28
Dandenong City	13	7	1	5	24	22	22
Casey Comets	15	6	2	7	26	24	20
Doncaster Rovers	14	6	0	8	32	30	18
Heatherton Utd	13	4	2	7	15	22	14
Morwell Pegasus	14	3	2	9	25	53	11
Southern Suburbs	15	2	1	12	18	45	7
Frankston Pines	15	2	1	12	18	46	7

STATE NORTH WEST 3

Seniors

Geelong 1 (M Gorosito) Westgate 2 (J D'Alessi 2), Keilor Park 1 (M Mazzarino) Lalor 0, La Trobe University Cairnlea , Maribyrnong Greens 2 (A Cindrak E Nuhanovic) Essendon Utd 2 (P Devuono 2), Melbourne University 1 (A Griffith) Hume Utd 0, Yarraville Glory 0 Sunbury Utd 2 (V Ierardo D Benac)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunbury Utd	15	10	2	3	38	22	32
Yarraville Glory	15	9	2	4	29	19	29
Keilor Park	15	8	5	2	22	15	29
Geelong	15	8	2	5	34	26	26
Hume Utd	15	7	3	5	20	18	24
Westgate	15	6	4	5	24	19	22
Cairnlea	14	6	1	7	31	22	19
La Trobe University	14	5	3	6	25	27	18
Melbourne University	15	4	4	7	18	21	16
Lalor	15	2	6	7	15	28	12
Maribyrnong Greens	15	3	3	9	14	31	9
Essendon Utd	15	1	5	9	21	43	8

Reserves

Geelong 3 Westgate 2, Keilor Park 8 (M Sirgiovanni M Xerri 2 A Chawk P Apostolakas 3 F Sirgiovanni) Lalor 1, La Trobe University Cairnlea , Maribyrnong Greens 1 Essendon Utd 4, Melbourne University 3 Hume Utd 2, Yarraville Glory 2 Sunbury Utd 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunbury Utd	15	11	4	0	39	15	37
Keilor Park	15	11	0	4	57	23	33
La Trobe University	14	7	3	4	38	25	24
Geelong	15	6	4	5	29	35	22
Cairnlea	14	6	3	5	34	36	21
Melbourne University	15	6	2	7	34	24	20
Yarraville Glory	15	6	3	6	37	36	18
Lalor	15	5	3	7	32	49	18
Essendon Utd	15	4	5	6	37	38	17
Hume Utd	15	4	2	9	39	45	14
Westgate	15	3	2	10	26	42	11
Maribyrnong Greens	15	2	5	8	26	60	8

STATE SOUTH EAST 3

Seniors

Croydon City Arrows 2 (K Bober DD McCandless) Waverley Wanderers 1 (T Boi), Nunawading City FC 3 (S Elbaz A Asimakidis 2) Brandon Park 1 (Z Younan), South Springvale 1 (I Diniotis) Kingston City 2 (M Pino 2), Mornington 3 (AJ Skledar 3) Peninsula Strikers 0, Springvale City 1 (V Mazurskiy) Noble Park Utd 2 (N Vukosavljevic B Bajic), Fitzroy City 1 (N Mitrevski) North Caulfield 1 (D Crook)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park Utd	15	11	2	2	33	17	35
South Springvale	14	9	3	2	36	16	30
Kingston City	15	9	2	4	27	19	29
Mornington	14	8	2	4	32	20	26
North Caulfield	15	7	1	7	32	31	22
Fitzroy City	15	6	3	6	31	29	21
Nunawading City FC	15	6	3	6	15	18	21
Croydon City Arrows	15	5	4	6	23	24	19
Peninsula Strikers	15	5	4	6	15	25	19
Waverley Wanderers	15	4	3	8	17	22	15
Springvale City	15	2	3	10	19	35	6
Brandon Park	15	1	2	12	16	40	5

Reserves

Croydon City Arrows 1 Waverley Wanderers 0, Nunawading City FC 9 Brandon Park 2, South Springvale 3 Kingston City 1, Mornington 4 Peninsula Strikers 0, Springvale City 1 Noble Park Utd 1, Fitzroy City North Caulfield

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park Utd	15	9	3	3	49	27	30
Nunawading City FC	15	8	4	3	43	28	28
Croydon City Arrows	15	7	5	3	33	30	26
Fitzroy City	14	7	4	3	36	24	25
Kingston City	15	7	3	5	45	22	24
Mornington	14	6	5	3	35	22	23
South Springvale	14	6	5	3	26	17	23
Peninsula Strikers	15	6	4	5	35	29	22
Springvale City	15	5	2	8	34	47	17
North Caulfield	14	3	1	10	27	43	10
Waverley Wanderers	15	2	2	11	19	49	8
Brandon Park	15	2	2	11	21	65	8

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Melbourne City 0 Corio 0, North Sunshine Eagles 2 (S Memishi A Bektash) Laverton Park 1 (R Castro), Northern Falcons 1 Avondale Heights 1 (MM Siciliano), South Yarra 0 North City Lions 3 (K Willmott K Ayache H Ntakirutimana), Westvale 2 (A Inglese Own Goal) FC Strathmore 1 (A Kranjinovic), Whittlesea Utd Elwood City

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Avondale Heights	15	10	3	2	27	12	33
Corio	15	9	4	2	35	15	31
Whittlesea Utd	14	9	3	2	28	18	30
Laverton Park	15	7	3	5	27	21	24
North Sunshine Eagles	15	7	2	6	25	19	23
Westvale	15	6	2	7	17	16	20
FC Strathmore	15	5	4	6	28	31	19
North City Lions	15	4	3	8	13	19	15
Northern Falcons	15	4	5	6	11	19	14
South Yarra	15	2	6	7	11	24	12
Melbourne City	15	2	5	8	11	25	11
Elwood City	14	1	6	7	13	27	9

Reserves

Melbourne City Corio , North Sunshine Eagles 1 Laverton Park 3, Northern Falcons 2 Avondale Heights 2, South Yarra 5 North City Lions 1, Westvale 2 FC Strathmore 3, Whittlesea Utd 1 Elwood City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra	15	10	1	4	30	18	31
Avondale Heights	15	8	5	2	45	18	29
Corio	14	9	2	3	28	11	29
FC Strathmore	15	9	2	4	25	23	29
Whittlesea Utd	15	6	6	3	28	12	24
North City Lions	15	7	2	6	29	25	23
Laverton Park	15	7	2	6	18	21	23
North Sunshine Eagles	15	4	5	6	31	25	17
Elwood City	15	4	5	6	23	25	17
Westvale	15	4	3	8	25	40	15
Melbourne City	14	2	0	12	19	61	6
Northern Falcons	15	0	5	10	18	40	2

PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Warragul Utd 5 (S Byers 2 M Davies P Cooper AW Ahmadzai) Sandringham City 2 (A Wasylkowski C Leeming), Beaumaris 0 Mooroolbark 0, Boroondara Eagles 0 Old Melburnians 1 (M Pember), Monash University 3 (LP Johnson O Arenneng G Moka) Dandenong Sparrows 1 (T Ithier), Monbulk 1 (C Cullimore) Old Camberwell Grammar 3 (D Gamvrellis), Old Scotch 0 Doveton 1 (M Davidson)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Scotch	14	7	4	3	25	11	25
Mooroolbark	14	7	4	3	30	19	25
Monash University	15	7	4	4	35	25	25
Doveton	15	7	4	4	25	19	25
Warragul Utd	13	5	6	2	34	18	21
Old Melburnians	14	5	6	3	22	19	21
Beaumaris	14	5	4	5	17	26	19
Dandenong Sparrows	15	5	2	8	28	32	17
Old Camberwell Grammar	12	5	1	6	19	28	16
Sandringham City	15	4	3	8	24	37	15
Monbulk	15	3	5	7	23	31	14
Boroondara Eagles	14	1	5	8	14	31	8

Reserves

Warragul Utd 3 Sandringham City 2, Beaumaris 1 Mooroolbark 3, Boroondara Eagles 0 Old Melburnians 2, Monash University 12 Dandenong Sparrows 0, Monbulk 2 Old Camberwell Grammar 0, Old Scotch 0 Doveton 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Melburnians	14	12	0	2	30	14	36
Monash University	15	9	1	5	42	17	28
Doveton	15	7	4	4	27	25	25
Monbulk	15	7	2	6	19	17	23
Boroondara Eagles	15	6	3	6	30	31	21
Mooroolbark	14	6	2	6	24	17	20
Sandringham City	15	5	4	6	30	26	19
Beaumaris	14	4	5	5	27	27	17
Old Camberwell Grammar	12	4	3	5	12	14	15
Warragul Utd	14	3	4	7	27	31	13
Old Scotch	14	3	3	8	11	29	12
Dandenong Sparrows	15	3	3	9	24	55	12

PROVI 2 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Bell Park 2 Epping City 3, Collingwood City 0 Plenty Valley Lions 1 (J Soklevski), Lalor Utd 2 (M Velickovski G Risteski) Melbourne Tornado 1 (R Blazevic), Moreland Utd 3 (D Salatino B Infelice M Matti) West Preston 1 (B Zarogiannis), Surf Coast 1 (J White) Hoppers Crossing 1 (M Jablonski), Melton 0 Western Eagles 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Surf Coast	15	10	2	3	38	16	32
Western Eagles	14	9	4	1	27	10	28
Plenty Valley Lions	15	7	4	4	21	25	25
Moreland Utd	15	8	3	4	26	15	24
Hoppers Crossing	15	6	4	5	30	27	22
Epping City	15	6	3	6	23	24	21
West Preston	15	6	1	8	30	34	19
Lalor Utd	14	5	4	5	24	30	19
Bell Park	15	5	3	7	34	27	18
Melbourne Tornado	15	3	5	7	23	27	14
Melton	15	3	3	9	15	33	12
Collingwood City	15	1	4	10	15	38	7

Reserves

Bell Park 8 Epping City 0, Collingwood City 2 Plenty Valley Lions 1, Lalor Utd 4 Melbourne Tornado 3, Moreland Utd 1 West Preston 0, Surf Coast 0 Hoppers Crossing 2, Melton 1 Western Eagles 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hoppers Crossing	15	9	4	2	32	16	31
Collingwood City	15	8	5	2	37	20	29
Epping City	15	8	2	5	37	32	26
Moreland Utd	15	8	3	4	30	20	24
West Preston	15	6	5	4	28	25	23
Surf Coast	15	7	1	7	33	23	22
Bell Park	15	6	3	6	33	26	21
Melton	15	5	5	5	19	22	20
Lalor Utd	15	6	1	8	18	30	19
Plenty Valley Lions	15	3	4	8	17	36	13
Western Eagles	15	3	2	10	18	32	11
Melbourne Tornado	15	2	3	10	26	46	9

PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Skye Utd 0 Lyndale Utd 2 (P Hanna R Heco), Endeavour Utd 0 Riversdale 5 (T Frazer D Robertson R Halliday T Piszczyk 2), Whitehorse Utd 0 Uni. of Melbourne 1 (A Ng), Old Carey 1 (M Hargitay) Ashburton 1 (A McInnes), Old Brighton Grammarians 1 (J Foschini) Caulfield Cobras 2 (P Alissaphos 2), Bayside Argonauts 1 (P Roussos) Berwick Kings 1 (J Melendez-Valdez)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	15	9	4	2	34	10	31
Lyndale Utd	15	10	1	4	29	21	31
Riversdale	15	8	2	5	39	25	26
Skye Utd	14	8	2	4	29	26	26
Caulfield Cobras	15	6	4	5	27	28	22
Berwick Kings	15	5	4	6	18	25	19
Bayside Argonauts	15	4	6	5	15	16	18
Uni. of Melbourne	15	5	3	7	16	22	18
Endeavour Utd	15	4	6	5	20	27	18
Old Carey	14	4	2	8	15	21	14
Old Brighton Grammarians	15	4	1	10	23	31	13
Whitehorse Utd	15	2	5	8	17	30	11

Reserves

Skye Utd 1 Lyndale Utd 3, Endeavour Utd 1 Riversdale 3 (A Forsyth O Zwalf AM Kokkinos), Whitehorse Utd 1 Uni. of Melbourne 3, Old Carey 2 Ashburton 2, Old Brighton Grammarians 1 Caulfield Utd 2, Bayside Argonauts 0 Berwick Kings 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Riversdale	15	12	3	0	42	16	39
Uni. of Melbourne	15	9	2	4	35	22	29
Caulfield Utd	14	9	2	3	32	22	29
Berwick Kings	15	9	1	5	49	28	28
Ashburton	15	7	3	5	34	22	24
Bayside Argonauts	15	6	3	6	15	28	21
Lyndale Utd	15	6	2	7	41	33	20
Old Carey	15	5	6	4	24	25	20
Whitehorse Utd	14	3	2	9	20	33	11
Old Brighton Grammarians	15	2	5	8	27	44	11
Endeavour Utd	15	3	1	11	19	45	10
Skye Utd	15	1	4	10	21	41	6

PROVI 3 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Mill Park 0 Watsonia Heights 2 (R Duerden I Dineen), Youth Utd 0 Meadow Park Eagles 1 (A Andronaco), Brunswick Zebras 1 (J Luca) Northern Roosters 4 (H Konak C Turgut F Eren 2), Bundoora Utd 0 Brimbank Stallions 1 (S Tapia), Keilor Wolves 0 Balmoral 3 (H Halilovic), Upfield 3 (H Al Kaisi 3) Darebin Utd 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northern Roosters	15	12	1	2	43	18	37
Darebin Utd	15	11	2	2	34	14	35
Upfield	14	11	2	1	27	10	35
Watsonia Heights	14	6	4	4	22	11	22
Meadow Park Eagles	15	6	3	6	21	19	21
Balmoral	15	6	4	5	31	23	19
Brimbank Stallions	15	4	5	6	32	31	17
Brunswick Zebras	15	3	6	6	19	21	15
Mill Park	15	4	1	10	15	43	13
Youth Utd	15	2	5	8	14	23	11
Bundoora Utd	15	3	2	10	20	38	11
Keilor Wolves	15	1	5	9	12	39	8

Reserves

Mill Park 2 Watsonia Heights 7, Youth Utd 2 Meadow Park Eagles 1, Brunswick Zebras 3 Northern Roosters 1, Bundoora Utd 2 Brimbank Stallions 4, Keilor Wolves 2 Balmoral 3, Upfield 9 Darebin Utd 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Watsonia Heights	15	13	0	2	60	16	39
Upfield	15	10	2	3	81	21	32
Youth Utd	15	10	1	4	43	24	31
Brimbank Stallions	15	9	2	4	44	33	29
Balmoral	15	9	0	6	25	26	27
Brunswick Zebras	15	7	4	4	34	24	25
Darebin Utd	15	8	1	6	31	33	25
Keilor Wolves	15	4	1	10	34	59	13
Meadow Park Eagles	15	3	2	10	21	36	11
Bundoora Utd	15	2	3	10	26	53	9
Northern Roosters	15	1	6	8	24	53	9
Mill Park	15	2	2	11	20	65	8

PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Essendon Royals 0 East Bentleigh 2 (A McCarthy J Shaw), Noble Park 0 Glen Waverley 1 (J Stoiloudis), Old Trinity Grammarians 0 Eltham Redbacks 1 (D Oehme), Rowville Eagles 1 (I Skorupski) Manningham 3 (R Rositano 2 T Da Silva), Seaford Utd 0 Keysborough 2 (M Roberts Own Goal), White Star Dandenong 4 (I Styczen MA Goralczyk D Najder 2) Brighton 2 (A Calder N Sweeney)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford Utd	15	9	1	5	29	21	28
Keysborough	14	8	3	3	30	15	27
Brighton	15	8	3	4	29	18	27
Eltham Redbacks	15	9	0	6	28	20	27
Rowville Eagles	13	8	2	3	27	17	23
White Star Dandenong	15	7	2	6	26	24	23
Glen Waverley	13	4	5	4	19	19	17
Old Trinity Grammarians	14	5	2	7	17	22	17
Essendon Royals	15	5	2	8	23	36	17
East Bentleigh	15	3	4	8	15	24	13
Noble Park	15	4	1	10	19	33	13
Manningham	15	3	3	9	24	37	12

Reserves

Essendon Royals 1 East Bentleigh 1, Noble Park 2 Glen Waverley 3, Old Trinity Grammarians 1 Eltham Redbacks 0, Rowville Eagles 0 Manningham 3, Seaford Utd 2 Keysborough 1, White Star Dandenong 3 Brighton 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford Utd	15	11	2	2	41	15	35
Old Trinity Grammarians	14	11	1	2	45	11	34
Brighton	15	8	1	6	33	24	25
Glen Waverley	14	8	0	6	38	28	24
White Star Dandenong	15	7	2	6	26	20	23
Manningham	15	7	2	6	33	39	23
Eltham Redbacks	15	7	1	7	21	24	22
Rowville Eagles	13	6	4	3	27	25	19
Keysborough	15	5	3	7	23	27	18
East Bentleigh	15	4	1	10	15	28	13
Noble Park	15	3	1	11	24	44	10
Essendon Royals	15	1	2	12	14	55	5

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ROUND 16 FIXTURES

All matches to be played on Saturday 31st July with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

State NW 2
Port Melbourne v Whittlesea Ranges
SS Anderson Reserve Fri 30 Jul KO 8:30PM
Altona East Phoenix v Geelong Rangers
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Ballarat Red Devils v Brunswick City
Trekardo Park
Banyule City v Altona City
Yallambie Park Reserve
Moreland City v Werribee City
Campbell Reserve
Sydenham Park v Williamstown
Keilor Lodge Reserve

State SE 2
Doncaster Rovers v Heatherton Utd
Anderson Park Fri 30 Jul KO 8:30PM
Casey Comets v Eastern Lions
Comets Stadium
Berwick City v Dandenong City
Jack Thomas Reserve
Diamond Valley Utd v Southern Suburbs
Partington Flats
Morwell Pegasus v Southern Stars
Ronald Reserve
Frankston Pines v Knox City
Monterey Reserve Sat 31 Jul KO 7:00PM

State NW 3
Geelong v Yarraville Glory
Stead Park Reserve, Corio Fri 30 Jul KO 8:30PM
Cairnlea v Keilor Park
Cairnlea Park
Lalor v Maribyrnong Greens
RGC Cook Reserve
Sunbury Utd v La Trobe University
Langama Park
Essendon Utd v Melbourne University Rangers
Aberfeldie Park
Westgate v Hume Utd
Ardeer Reserve Sat 31 Jul KO 7:00PM

State SE 3
Brandon Park v Croydon City Arrows
Freeway Reserve
Noble Park Utd v Peninsula Strikers
Parkfield Reserve
Waverley Wanderers v South Springvale
Carlson Ave Reserve
Springvale City v Nunawading City FC
Ross Reserve
North Caulfield v Mornington
Caulfield Park Sun 1 Aug KO 3:00PM
Kingston City v Fitzroy City
The Grange Reserve Mon 2 Aug KO 8:30PM

Provi NW 1
Avondale Heights v Whittlesea Utd
Doyle Street Reserve
Elwood City v Melbourne City
Elwood Park
FC Strathmore v North Sunshine Eagles
Strathnaver Reserve
Laverton Park SC v Northern Falcons
Laverton Park Reserve
North City Lions v Corio
Wallace Reserve
South Yarra v Westvale
Fawkner Park (North Pavillion)

Provi SE 1
Dandenong Sparrows v Boroondara Eagles
Fotheringham Reserve
Doveton v Old Melburnians
Waratah Reserve
Mooroolbark v Warragul Utd
Esther Park Reserve
Old Camberwell Grammar v Monash University
DISC - Pitch 3
Sandringham City v Monbulk
RJ Sillitoe Reserve
Old Scotch v Beaumaris
H.A. Smith Reserve

Provi NW 2
Epping City v Lalor Utd
Duffy Street Reserve
Hoppers Crossing v Plenty Valley Lions
Grange Reserve
Moreland Utd v Melbourne Tornado
Moomba Park Reserve
West Preston v Melton
Oulton Reserve
Western Eagles v Collingwood City
Polish Sports & Rec. centre
Surf Coast v Bell Park
Quay Reserve

Provi SE 2
Riversdale v Caulfield Cobras
Frog Hollow Reserve
Ashburton v Skye Utd
Ashburton Park
Berwick Kings v Old Carey
Betula Park
Endeavour Utd v Whitehorse Utd
Reema Reserve
Lyndale Utd v Old Brighton Grammarians Lyndale
Secondary College
Uni. Of Melbourne Blues SC v Bayside Argonauts
Princes Park (Parkville)

Provi NW 3
Balmoral v Youth Utd
Arthur Beachley Reserve
Brimbank Stallions v Mill Park
Club Italia Sporting Club
Darebin Utd v Northern Roosters
Mayer Park
Meadow Park Eagles v Bundoora Utd
Gladstone Park Reserve
Watsonia Heights v Brunswick Zebras
Gabonia Reserve
Upfield v Keilor Wolves
Gibb Reserve

Provi SE 3
Manningham v Essendon Royals
Timber Ridge Reserve
Keysborough v Old Trinity Grammarians
Coomoora Reserve
Noble Park v White Star Dandenong
Norman Luth Reserve
Brighton v Seaford Utd
Dendy Park
Glen Waverley FC v East Bentleigh
Larpent Reserve
Eltham Redbacks v Rowville Eagles
Eltham North Reserve Sat 31 Jul KO 7:00PM

V-LEAGUE

Round 13

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The title race is on!

By Adam Husseini

Mickleham 7 vs. 4 Essendon

The game started at a frantic pace with both sides having half chances, Mickleham & Melbourne Knights star Anthony Colosimo scored a nice rebound that was quickly equalised by top goal scorer Alexander Stevanovic. Marko Nastik was energetic for Essendon in his second game and really slots in nicely to the side. Colosimo scored again for Mickleham only for Essendon to equalize again. Both teams went into half time locked at 2-2 with some intense match changing team talks. Mickleham came out and dominated with Ryan Filipovic scoring four amazing goals. Dejan Tosic scored a solitary goal for Essendon in the game. The exuberant youthful Mickleham ran over the top of the experienced 2009 champions and will be looking to beat table-toppers Fitzroy next week.

Albert Park 5 vs.7 Brimbank

The last time these two sides met Albert Park decimated a poor Brimbank with Rashidi & Fernandez red hot. They were without both this time and really struggled against a Brimbank with it all to do to avoid relegation. Filipovic of the Ignjat variety scored a hat-trick on a night where he managed the side in the absence of Zoran Matic. Brimbank went into half time 4-1 up and were in cruise control without a recognisable goal keeper, regular flanker Nuretin Kalkan doing a fantastic job in between the sticks. Vadim Maestro Mazursky was in clinical devastating form, instrumental in setting up swift counter attacks and finishing cooly with a four goal haul. Brimbank really felt his absence in previous weeks and it was great to have him back in the side. He lifted the morale of the Brimbank players and hopefully can help them elevate out of the relegation zone.

Ashburton 3 vs. 8 Pascoe Vale FC

Primetime clash of the night proved to be the anti climax of the night with Pascoe Vale whitewashing Ashburton with a charitable final score line. It could've been 10-0 before half time if it wasn't for Andrew Plithakis in the Ashburton goal. Ashburton were hampered by suspensions to star target Dimitri Viithoulkas and prominent defender Luciano Bessa. Paul 'Vic Mens State Coach' Vidic brought back Bill Nalpantidis after a long absence from V-league Futsal. He scored a double but looked a touch off the pace. Pascoe Vale had talisman Tomislav Grgic back in town and Pascoe Vale looked like the side that won the double last season. Grigic was reunited with double winners Barbosa & Simsek and they pulled apart Ashburton with man of the match Andre Caro finishing off three good moves. 6-0 up at half time Pascoe Vale took their foot off the pedal, with this side they could easily go on to win the league and must be deemed title contenders and possible favourites after this showing.

Metropolitan 9 vs 6 Prahran

The Metropolitan express steamrolls on after beating giant killers FC Prahran. A classy opening goal by Dino Redzepovic, a delicate chip that left Shakhanov & FC Prahran sprawling highlighted the difference between the two sides with Metro keeping in touch with Fitzroy and Prahran sliding down the table after consecutive losses. Dino scored another two, Avdic scoring a double one an absolute corker, Ikanovic, Castro, Jeles and Alija all chipped in with solitary goals. Prahrans talisman Avram had a lovely hat trick and hit the underside of the bar but was without any noticeable assistance from his team mates in causing Metro any real headaches. Jason Stewart has improved for Prahran but they really need players like Armstrong & Muktar to step up if they are to climb up the ladder. Mogai was solid in the back but goalkeeper Shakhanov was left to do it all himself with Metro working the ball around the D to precision. Clinical finishing was the difference as Metro maintain 2nd spot and Prahran could fall to as far as 8th at the completion of the night's games.

Hume FC 3 vs. 5 Fitzroy FC

Fitzroy looked to consolidate top spot, but it wasn't going to be easy against a Hume side that gets better every week. Under the guidance of Amin Keddad Hume have recruited and found a style that suits them nicely and sees them sitting as high as fifth on the ladder in their v-league season debut. They had ex-Pascoe Vale, Vic Mens State team striker & outdoor goal scoring machine Simon Lamanda debut in an exciting return to action for him, and he scored a decent double. George Klonis was fantastic in goals for the gold and blue of Fiztroy, with Minopolous playing an unusual role at the back and scoring one of the goals of the night, a chip in off the post from an acute angle. Ex New Zealand international Mark Burton was his classy self with two goals and three assists in a man of the match performance. He oozes classes and set up Da Silva & Hammer really well to score crucial goals before the half time whistle. Keddad has his work cut out rotating the large Hume squad and will hope they can get back to winning ways next week.

Nth Melbourne 14 vs 5 FC Carlton

The whipping boys got whipped again in the last game of the night as North Melbourne went to town on a poor FC Carlton. 15 goals to the good North had a few suspensions to deal with after last week's fracas and still took issue with some of the refereeing. Futsalroo Barrientos scored four, Alinejad & Cooper three, Rahsidi two and Polatti and Petrevski solitary goals. Carlton had the best squad they'd had all season with Jafar Alsari & Leonardo Correa outstanding. Evandro was his energestic self and Algorabi, Leutz and Issa contributed accordingly. North capitalized on swift counter attacks and clever build up play from the back sucking in a Carlton side that pressed high up the court. Barrientos pulled the strings for Milton Sakkos's side who was still disappointed to concede the odd goal. Mu played his last game for North as he heads overseas for a few weeks. North continue their hunt for the title as Carlton look doomed to immediate relegation.

Young guns: Simon Lamanda from Hume FC battles it out with Fitzroy's Leigh Minopoulos. Lamanda's transfer to Hume from Champions Pascoe Vale was at the eleventh hour.

Anthony Colossimo From Mickleham FC sizes up one of his two goals against the 2009 V-LEAGUE premiership Champions FC Essendon

Magnificent Magical Maxi Avram from FC Prahran and the Little Emperor Alija Redzepovic from Metropolitan tangle in a massive round 13 clash.

V-League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Fitzroy FC	13	11	1	1	79	53	26	34
2 Metropolitan FC	13	9	2	2	116	80	36	29
3 Nth Melbourne FC	13	9	1	3	76	50	26	28
4 Pascoe Vale FC	13	8	1	4	80	60	20	25
5 Hume FC	13	7	1	5	65	56	9	22
6 Mickleham FC	13	6	1	6	72	66	6	19
7 Ashburton FC	13	6	0	7	70	77	-7	18
8 FC Prahran	13	5	2	6	64	67	-3	17
9 FC Essendon	13	3	3	7	69	71	-2	12
10 Brimbank FC	13	3	3	7	66	69	-3	12
11 Albert Park FC	13	2	1	10	56	78	-22	7
12 FC Carlton	13	1	0	12	47	133	-86	3

Round 13 Results July 21

- 6:30 FC Essendon v Mickleham FC 4 - 7
- 7:15 Albert Park FC v Brimbank FC 5 - 7
- 8:00 Ashburton FC v Pascoe Vale FC 3 - 9
- 8:45 Metropolitan FC v FC Prahran 9 - 6
- 9:30 Hume FC v Fitzroy FC 3 - 5
- 10:15 Nth Melbourne FC v FC Carlton 14 - 5

Round 14 Clashes July 28

- 6:30 Ashburton FC v FC Carlton
- 7:15 Albert Park FC v Essendon FC
- 8:00 Mickleham v Fitzroy FC
- 8:45 Nth Melbourne FC v FC Prahran
- 9:30 Pascoe Vale FC v Brimbank FC
- 10:15 Hume FC v Metropolitan

Top Scorers

1. Alexander Stevanovic FCE 37 goals
2. Vadim Mazurskiy BFC 29 goals
3. Leigh Minopoulos FFC 28 goals
4. Alija Redzepovic MFC 26 goals
5. Ryan Filipovic MkFC 26 goals

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 FC Melbourne	11	7	0	4	52	38	14	21
2 FC Collingwood	9	6	0	3	63	36	27	18
3 Melbourne Uni FC	10	6	0	4	52	28	24	18
4 Elsternwick FC	10	6	0	4	48	51	-3	18
5 Doncaster FC	9	5	0	4	44	34	10	15
6 CF Brunswick	10	5	0	5	52	61	-9	15
7 FC Maribyrnong	10	5	0	5	37	52	-15	15
8 FC Geelong	11	4	0	7	53	44	9	12
9 FC Balwyn	10	1	0	9	32	89	-57	3

Round 12 Results July 18

- 7:40 Elsternwick FC v FC Collingwood 7 - 5
- 8:20 Melb Uni FC v FC Maribyrnong 1 - 3
- 9:00 CF Brunswick v FC Geelong 6 - 10
- 9:40 FC Balwyn v FC Melbourne 2 - 4
- Bye Doncaster FC v Bye

Round 13 Clashes July 25

- 7:40 Doncaster FC v FC Geelong
- 8:20 CF Brunswick v FC Melbourne
- 9:00 Melb Uni FC v FC Balwyn FC
- TBA FC Maribyrnong v FC Collingwood
- Bye Elsternwick FC v Bye

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Match Details:
Richmond: S.Gal, A.Viola, D.Tsiaras, M.Lujic (J.Krncevic 73'), D.Visevic (M.Catalano 86'), M.Ferrante, A.Kovacic, M.Bissinger, T.Milardovic, S.Topalovic, D. van 't Schip.

Goal: Visevic 75'
Yellow Cards: van 't Schip 45' Topalovic 57'
Red Cards: None

Oakleigh Cannons: A.Cagalj, J.Cumming, J.Fitzgerald (B.Obradovic 7'), S.Drakos, L.Palinic, Y.Yusuf, C.Watson, N.Kalmar, S.Webster, R.Diaco (J.Karpeh 71'), M.Curcija (B.Damianos 71').
Yellow Card: Webster 26' 70'
Red Card: Webster 70'

Man of the Match: Michael Ferrante (Richmond)
Venue: Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Crowd: 300

By Mark Boric

Round Nineteen of the Alanic Victorian Premier League began with a near top of the table clash as leaders Richmond hosted third-placed Oakleigh Cannons on Friday night.

Richmond, backing up quickly after a 1-0 win at Sunshine George Cross on Monday, made changes to their starting line-up with Steven Topalovic returning from injury and Milos Lujic brought in to face his former club from the opening whistle.

Oakleigh also made changes to the side which lost 1-3 to Hume City at home. Nick Kalmar returned from injury and was joined by Yusuf Yusuf, with Jerry Karpeh and the injured Ari Drakos making way.

A foul in the fourth minute by Topalovic gave Cameron Watson a shot at goal from a free kick about twenty-eight yards from goal, which he hit directly at Stjepan Gal. An overlapping Andrew Viola was then brought down on the left, and from the free kick on the touchline Michael Ferrante sent the ball to the near post where Antun Kovacic put it over the crossbar when it fell to his non-preferred right foot.

A sharp turn and shot from twenty-five yards by Michael Curcija also posed no problems for Gal. Richmond went close to opening the scoring in the sixth minute, after Ferrante switched the ball from right to left where Daniel Visevic sent it wider to Davey van 't Schip who fired a shot which struck the post before being cleared. Oakleigh were then forced into a substitution, with John Fitzgerald pulling up with an injury after chasing Lujic down the right wing a minute earlier and needing to be replaced by Bonel Obradovic.

Kalmar also tried to test Gal from long range, but he also struck s shot straight to the Richmond keeper. In the seventeenth minute a partially cleared corner was crossed back in to the far post where Jamie Cumming headed it centrally for Ricky Diaco, who had his shot blocked. Two minutes later Cucija shot at Gal from fourteen yards after Diaco had pulled the ball back for him on the left, as Oakleigh enjoyed a good spell of possession. Scott Webster went into the referee's notebook in the twenty-sixth minute for a heavy sliding challenge on Dimitri Tsiaras, who had been played a "hospital ball".

Richmond came back into the game in late in the second half. A great ball from Topalovic released Lujic down the right, but his cross sailed over the goal. Visevic then played a ball out wide to left to Viola who's cross floated goalwards and was finally gathered by Adrian Cagalj after some juggling as he backpeddalled to the goal-line. Visevic went close to opening the scoring when chipping the ball over a defender before chipping just over the goal as Cagalj confronted him. A rash challenge on Webster by van 't Schip saw his name added to the book of referee Shaun Evans in the forty-fifth minute. When half-time came the 0-0 deadlock remained.

After a good move down the left three minutes after play resumed, Diaco got the ball to Watson who shot wide across the face of goal. Ferrante shot well over the goal from thirty-five yards after latching onto a backheel from van 't Schip. When van 't Schip was fouled by Cumming, Ferrante drove a free kick wide from an angle. A cross from Webster then saw Watson head the ball down for Diaco, who was foiled by Gal coming off his line smartly.

In the sixty-second minute Daico fired a shot wide after a good turn on the left corner of the penalty area. Richmond should have taken the lead four minutes later, when a chip into the six yard box by Visevic saw Topalovic flick the bouncing ball agonisingly wide of the post. With twenty minutes to go Oakleigh were reduced to ten men. A poor ball out of defence saw van 't Schip gain possession, and he turned Webster before being brought down by a flick to his trailing leg as he tried to race away, earning the Oakleigh midfielder a second yellow card. The free kick into the box was then well claimed and held by Cagalj.

Eagles keeper Stepjan Gal punches clear from Stelios Drakos. PHOTO:ANITA MILAS

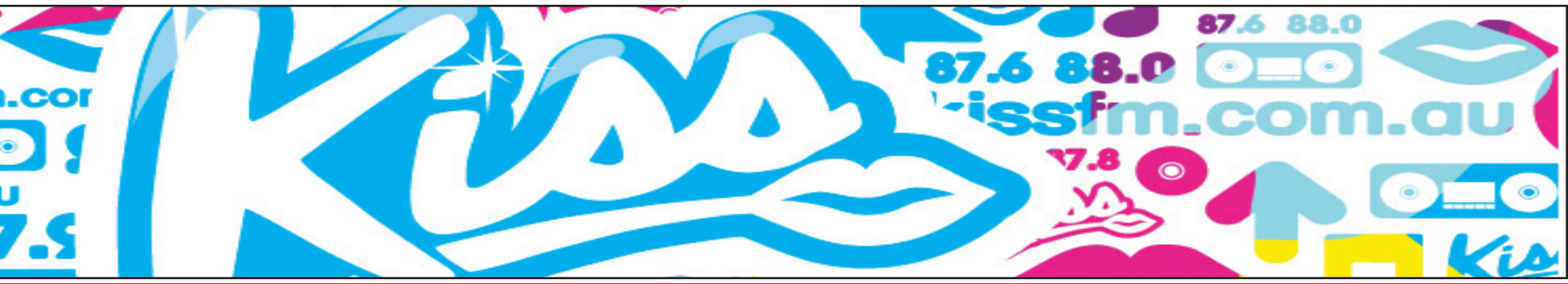
In the seventy-fifth minute Richmond duly took the lead. A throw-in near the left corner flag saw Tsiaras lay the ball back to Viola who swung a cross in towards the far post where Visevic finished well with a brilliant volley. Three minutes later Tsiaras intercepted a pass and played in van 't Schip on the left, who sent in a cross which saw Ljuban Palinic crunched as he competed with Ferrante and Jesse Krncevic. Palinic required lengthy treatment before being able to rejoin the action and see out the match.

A great ball from Ferrante, switching play from right to left, released Visevic who sent in a cross which a lunging Krncevic was only able to get a slight touch to as it bounced across the face of goal. In the eighty-fourth minute Viola looked to seal the match, cutting in from the left and beating two men in the process before shooting just over the bar from twenty yards. As ninety minutes expired a free kick out wide on the right from Ferrante saw Krncevic put a difficult header wide. The second minute of stoppage time saw van 't Schip get the ball out on the left and cut in before forcing the save of the match from Cagalj with a shot from twelve yards which was turned around the post for a corner. The final 1-0 scoreline maintained top spot on the table for the Eagles.

Richmond will look to keep their regained momentum going when they meet South Melbourne at John Cain Memorial Park on Sunday. The Cannons recent slide, winning only once in five games, could see their finals place in jeopardy. They are now fourth on the table, with the clubs just behind them, Dandenong Thunder, Northcote City, Heidelberg United and South Melbourne all still in the Top Five mix. They next travel to Knights Stadium to meet Sunshine George Cross on Sunday. The battle against the relegation-threatened Georgies which they will have to go into without Kalmar and Watson, who are departing for the A-League.

Milos Lujic heads clear under pressure. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

The Eagles shake their tail feathers after Daniel Visevic scored the winner. PHOTO: ANITAS MILAS



Last Minute Gould Winner In Maltese "El Classico"

SUNSHINE GEORGIES 1

GREEN GULLY 2

Match Details:

Sunshine Georgies:
M.John, S.Romein, F.Richards, C.Sweeney, D.Cameron, B.Cogger(A. Bourakis), E.Christodolou, B.Devlin, L.Grounds, L.Shin, J.Blackburn(A.Nabbout).

Green Gully:
N.Roganovic, S.Burton, M.Medjedovic, D.Jones, R.Ollerton, J.Fleming, G.Wales(M.Sanders), T.Gould, J.Munoz(G.Hockless), B.Fisher(J.Groenewald), A.Vargas.

Crowd: 400
Sunshine Georgies: 1
Goals: James Blackburn '20
Yellow Cards: N/A

Green Gully: 2
Goals: Brent Fisher '25, Timothy Gould '90
Yellow Cards: N/A

Man of the Match: Timothy Gould (Green Gully)

By Markian Jaworsky

Gully were on the receiving end of a last minute equaliser last week, but hit back with a last minute winner this week.
In fact, in even better news Gully came from behind to win a game with first goals for the club from Brent Fisher and Timothy Gould. The win puts Gully into 3rd place, with 3 rounds to play.

The latest installment of the traditional derby started as a cage affair, until Sunshine's James Blackburn broke the deadlock against the run of play. Blackburn capitalised on weak clearance from Mile Medjedovic, who appeared to come into a misunderstanding with his goalkeeper Nikola Roganovic. It was the second such misunderstanding in defense in as many weeks for the Cavaliers, however ironically Gully still boast the best defensive record in the VPL.

Gully sprung to life after the Georgies goal. Almost immediately Gary Wales popped up for a header which struck the Georgies upright with Sunshine's goalkeeper Martin John well beaten. Within five minutes the visitors found parity, an Andy Vargas corner kick met the head of Kiwi Striker Brent Fisher, and the ball sailed into the Georgies net past Martin John.

Moments later Timothy Gould almost put Green Gully into the lead, but his header hit Sunshine's crossbar and rebounded to safety.

In the second half, Gully applied the pressure but appeared as though they would not break through. Substitute Graham Hockless, who came on in the first half for an injured Jonathon Munoz put the shot wide, Stevie Burton hit the upright in the last fifteen minutes, and substitute Matthew Sanders had what looked to be a legitimate penalty claim denied. Against the run of play, the Georgies continued to pose a counter threat through the running of captain Fidel Richards.

With just injuy time remaining on the clock, Matthew Sanders threw himself at the ball, and in the scramble which followed, Timothy Gould somehow with a foot, knee and chest combination just got the ball over the Sunshine goalline.

Speaking after the match, Timothy Gould responded when asked about his performance "I have managed to get into the starting line-up through injuries and suspensions to the first eleven, and now I have to work on my fitness. Those last 15 minutes were really tough."

In the Under 21's, an impressive Green Gully won by four goals to nil against the Georgies.

Gully players swamp Timothy Gould after he scrambled the ball over the line in injury time to secure top honours in the derby with Sunshine George Cross. Photo: STEVE STAREK

The Georgies get the runs on the board early thanks to James Blackburn's opener. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

Gully's Jonathon Munoz lets out a yelp after Georgies captain Fidell Richards puts in a heavy derby day challenge. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK

LIGHT FAILURE HALTS CITY RAMPAGE

DANDENONG THUNDER	1
NORTHCOTE CITY	4

Match Details:

Dandenong Thunder:

Webster, S., Osman, L., Wilford, A., bright, J., Rexhepi, S.(Korcari, V.), Starosa, B., Davidson, R., Bulloch, S., Kellaway, G., Sherbon, L., Reed, J.

Scorer: Bulloch 39'

Northcote City:

Petropoulos, C., Chiappetta A., Jankovski, A., Curtis, N., McGough, M., Nixon, T.,, Kinigopoulos, H., D'Agostino, H., Savio, P., Kalifatidis, J., Voulgaris, J.

Scorers: Voulgaris, 22', McGough 25', Kalifatidis 37', 48'

Man of the match: Kalifatidis
Crowd : 500

By George Stogiannou

In dire straits, trailing 1-4 just after half time on Saturday evening, Dandenong Thunder looked to be in need of divine Providence to deliver it from what looked like certain defeat against visiting Northcote City in their round 19 clash on Saturday evening.

And they may have just got it, when match referee Bruno D'Aniello abandoned the match after the floodlights failed and couldn't be re-activated.

Moments before, Northcote must have thought it was really Christmas in July when they found themselves 4-1 up against an in form Thunder outfit just after half time. The normally miserly Thunder defence which had conceded just three goals in its past seven matches conceded three goals in a 15 minute spell in the first half. City's Jonathan Voulgaris opened the scoring in the 22nd minute from the edge of the box, with a flying shot. Mark McGough added a second with a left foot free kick from 40 metres which somehow eluded a swarm of bodies. And speedy striker James Kalifatidis pounced on a loose ball, rounded the keeper and scored from close range. He could have easily scored again soon after when he struck the post with goal at his mercy.

A thunderstruck Dandenong hit back in the 39th minute through midfielder Scott Bulloch's side foot shot from the edge of the box to give it hope of a comeback. Thunder coach, Stuart Munro introduced a second striker in place of holding midfielder Shane Rexhepi at the start of the second half, but it was the visitors who scored when Kalifatidis struck again following an assist from skipper Trent Nixon just after the break.

Although the home team had a mountain to climb, there looked to be more goals in an open game, played in very sloppy, wet conditions, when at the 50th minute mark, the lights failed.

Many of the visiting players, officials and fans immediately suspected foul play and amidst the confusion of accusations, claims and counterclaims, only one thing was clear. The lights weren't coming back on and there was to be no restart. It is now up to the FFV to determine if and under which circumstances the match will be replayed.

Mark McGough scores from his free-kick much to the delight of Trent Rixon (9) and Harry Kinigopoulos (11). PHOTO: PETER PSARROS

The Northcote bench is on its feet after Jonathon Voulgaris breaks the deadlock to open the scoring. The cheers would turn to jeers soon afterwards when the match was abandoned due to floodlight failure. PHOTO: PETER PSARROS

LAST GASP STRIKE BREAKS KNIGHTS HEARTS

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	2
ALTONA MAGIC	2

Squad Lists:

Match Stats
SHOTS: MK 9 AM 8
TARGET: MK 5 AM 3
CORNERS: MK 7 AM 4

Melbourne Knights Line Up: Loncaric, Filipovic, Surey, Bran, Praiz, Townson, Zahra, Skara, Dubios (Ples 61'), A. Colosimo (Madgic 77') Tiatto.

Goals: Dubios 18', Filipovic 57'.

Yellow Cards: Dubios 41', Tiatto 73', Townson 75', Surey 90'.

Altona Magic Line Up: Tomich, Mladenovic, Radojicic, Delev (Koltovski 46'), Siveski, Theodore, Cergovski, Ducevski, Thornley, Bozinovski, Talevski (Papadopolous 61').

Goals: Thornley 65', Cergovksi 87'.

MoM: P.Cergovksi (AM)

Crowd: Approx 1000 @ Knights Stadium

By Andrew Fisher

Just two short years ago, the Altona Magic defeated the Melbourne Knights in the 2008 VPL grand final, today they played a match of almost equal importance, with the loser left with one foot firmly planted in the relegation zone.

The Knights started the match by applying some strong pressure to the Magic backline, and almost reaped the rewards in the first minute, as Dubios worked his way behind the visitors' backline, but was quickly twated by Tomich in the Magic goal.

In the 9th minute, Kevin Townson set up Adrian Zahra, whose shot flew just over the bar, as the Knights took control of the midfield.

Altona however almost took the lead in the 15th minute, as they broke clear after two consecutive Knights corners, Goran Talevski picked up possession just inside his attacking half, and with Danny Tiatto under his hammer, the former Knights player shot sailed just wide of the mark.

In the 18th minute, a quick free kick by Danny Tiatto on the halfway line caught the Altona defence off guard, giving the ever dangerous Jean Claude Dubios time and space to slot his shot past the advancing Tomich and giving the Knights the lead.

The Knights continued to enjoy the bulk of possession, and created the better scoring chances with Skara and Towson spurning goal scoring opportunities. The half time break was welcomed by Altona Magic, who looked to have little answers to the Knights pressure, and created little going forward.

Within minutes of the restart, Tommy Tomich was again forced into a good save, this time from a Dubios shot as the Knights continued with their dominance. Altona's best chance of the match came in the 53rd minute as Magic captain Pece Cergovski's long range volley flew just millimetres over the cross bar.

Another corner in the 57th minute lead to the Knights' doubling their lead, Ryan Filipovic rose highest to neatly head home following the Kevin Townson corner.

The two-nil score line was well deserved by the Knights, but as every Knights supporter would know they always find away to make it hard for themselves, and in the 65th minute Altona's John Thornley heading home from a Mathew Theodore cross to ensure the last twenty would be a nervous one for the home side.

Altona now had the ascendency and pushed forward in search of a vital equaliser, but as the match passed the 80th minute mark it looked as though the Knights would hold on for the victory.

Magic captain Pece Cergovski broke the hearts of the Knights in the 87th minute, with a spectacular volley from 25yards that sailed over Loncaric and into the back of the net.

It was another lost opportunity for the Knights who again let the points slip away, leaving themselves still sitting second last on the ladder, with just goal difference separating themselves and Altona Magic.

The Knights have one last opportunity to lift themselves from the relegation zone when they take on Bentleigh Greens at Kingston Heath on Friday night. The Magic will also be looking to take maximum points to secure their safety when they take on the red hot Hume City at Paisley Park on Saturday Night.

Alanic VPL action between the Knights and the Magic played on Sunday at Knights Stadium. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS

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The Knights celebrate after Jean Charles Dubois scores. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS

Late Recchia header saves South

SOUTH MELBOURNE	2
HUME CITY	2

Match Details:

South Melbourne
Peter Zois, Steven O'Dor, Daniel Vasilevski, Eddie Cetkin, Joe Keenan (Sebastian Petrovic 74'), Carl Recchia (Marcus Schroen 90'), Gianni De Nittis, Rama Tavsancioglu, Fernando De Moraes, Marinos Gasparis (Jason Ricciuti 76'), James Stefanou
(Scorers: Joe Keenan 30', Carl Recchia 85')

Hume City
Lou Acevski, Fabio Dilizia, Serdar Pir, Isiyan Erdogan, Alfonso Opazo (Turhan Sumbul (66'), Richard Cardozo, Zoran Petrevski, Tansel Baser, Dusko Delic (Ross Thompson 58'), Michael Bosevski, Phillip Riccobene (Brendan Beni 82')
(Scorer: Richard Cardozo 42', 71')

Man of the Match: Richard Cardozo (Hume City)
Venue: John Cain Memorial Park
Date: Sunday 25 July 2010
Crowd: 1,000

By John Kyrou

A late Carl Recchia header ensured that South Melbourne FC shared the spoils in the 2-2 draw with Hume City at John Cain Memorial Park on Sunday afternoon. Hume remain in second spot and South remains six points clear of the relegation zone, whilst at the same time creeping to within four points of a finals position.

Hume started the match strongly and forward Richard Cardozo had a few early chances to open the scoring. However it was the home side that scored first, when Joe Keenan got past his marker on the left side and from just inside the area fired a wonderful shot across Lou Acevski and into the far top corner of the goal.

The away side were level before halftime following a goalmouth scramble. Despite Peter Zois making a point blank save during the scramble, the ball fell kindly for Cardozo to tap home. Hume could have even had the lead going into the break but hit the post instead of the back of the net.

The second half began like the first half as Hume looked the more likely to score; however it was Zois who again thwarted the chances by the away side. Hume did eventually score with just under twenty minutes to go, when another scramble ended with Cardozo tucking the ball away for his second of the afternoon.

South pressed forward looking for an equaliser and was fortunate not to go further behind as Zoran Petrevski had two opportunities cleared off the goal line. The attacking initiative by South was ultimately rewarded five minutes from the end of the match when Recchia used his head to direct a Daniel Vasilevski shot into the goal at the back post.

South could have stolen the three points right at the death but former player and South legend Tansel Baser got his body in the way and blocked a stringing shot from Vasilevski that looked goal-bound. The final whistle signalled the end of a hard-fought game between both sides that probably both deserved a point for their efforts.

Hume is on the road again next week when they travel to Paisley Park to face the Altona Magic on Saturday night. On the Sunday afternoon, South faces another huge test against League leaders Richmond Eagles at John Cain Memorial Park.

For South its all hands to the pumps as Richie Cardozo threatens the goal. Eddie Cetkin gets in the block as Peter Zois gets set to smother the shot and James Stefanou backs up. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

Heads up! Richard Cardozo wins the header against Steve O'Dor. INSET: Scorer of South's first goal, Joe Keenan gives Phil Riccobene (left) and Dusko Delic the slip PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

Young Warriors Cut Down Greens

HEIDELBERG UNITED	1
BENTLEIGH GREENS	0

Squad Lists:

Heidelberg United - Steve Tilovski; Les Doumbalis, Laurence Gugorossis, Paul Miller, Yanni Galanos, Antonio La Verde (Paul Cardillo 79'), Steve Martin, Osagie Ederaro, Saso Alexovski, Yared Hailemelkot, Nick Katsakis (Nikolaos Argyrakakis 72')
Substitutes not used: Christian Morales, Matthew Tancevski
Goal: Alexovski 28' (pen.)
Yellow Cards: Galanos, Alexovski, Ederaro

Bentleigh Greens - Peter Gavalas; George Stavridis, Craig Smart, Sam De Vito (Vasilios Natsioulas 62'), Con Anthopoulos, Damir Lokvancic, Alex Rojas (Kurt Crnic 79'), Adam Fadljevic, Jack Webster, Johnny Sapavovski, Luke Fitzpatrick
Substitutes not used: Dean Piemonte, Clifford Henry, Christoper Sanita
Yellow Cards: Webster, Fadljevic
Red Card: Fitzpatrick

Player of the Match:
Paul Miller (Heidelberg United)

Crowd: 450

By John Fotinos

Heidelberg United coach George Katsakis has heaped praise on his young charges after the team achieved a meritorious 1-0 victory over the Bentleigh Greens at the Olympic Village on Sunday evening.

The win was achieved by a team missing at least half a dozen regular starting eleven players, and the pleasing aspect from Katsakis' point of view was that amongst his squad today were no fewer than six first team debutants, three of whom made the starting line-up. After the game, he told his young charges that "the entire club is proud of your endeavour & efforts out there tonight. Your commitment to the cause was phenomenal."

Despite missing so much experience from their team, it was the young Heidelberg line-up that had the better of the opening exchanges, with Hailemelkot hitting the woodwork in the second minute from a snap shot inside the penalty box. Heidelberg had a goal disallowed in the 12th minute direct from a corner kick, the referee having spotted an infringement on Bentleigh 'keeper Gavalas.

Bentleigh almost took the lead on two separate occasions, with an Anthopoulos volley flashing wide at the near post in the 15th minute, and Lokvancic striking the woodwork with a shot in the 21st minute of play.

The only goal of the game came courtesy of Saso Alexovski. The Heidelberg striker robbed Craig Smart of the ball and made a run into the box, only to be brought down by a combination of tackles from Webster & Gavalas as he was set to shoot, with the referee immediately awarding a penalty kick to Heidelberg. Webster was shown a yellow card for his foul on Alexovski, who stepped up to send Gavalas the wrong way & give Heidelberg United the lead in the 28th minute of play.

Bentleigh almost hit back shortly after, but Lokvancic slipped and missed hitting Fadljevic cross into the box. With the score at 1-0, the second half began with Bentleigh increasing the pressure on the Heidelberg defence almost immediately.

Rojas missed a great opportunity when he struck well over from close range early in the second half, and Lokvancic headed over on 57 minutes from a dangerous position. Heidelberg was content to absorb the pressure & hit on the counter attack, with a strong shot from Alexovski in the 70th minute well held by Gavalas.

Any real hope Bentleigh had of getting a result evaporated when Fitzpatrick was shown a red card following a reckless challenge on La Verde in the 72nd minute. As Bentleigh threw more players forward, Heidelberg United found more gaps in the Greens' defence.

In the 75th minute, Alexovski was denied by Gavalas in a one on one situation, and then with just five minutes to play, Galanos squandered a glorious chance to seal the points as his lob shot was wide of the mark with just Gavalas to beat.

With the score remaining at 1-0, Heidelberg United again sneak into the top five (given there has been no official result yet from the Dandenong Thunder v Northcote City match), whereas Bentleigh slip into further relegation danger, only a point in front of both Altona Magic & Melbourne Knights, albeit with a game in hand on both teams.

In what looms as a critical match-up next round, Bentleigh Greens host Melbourne Knights at Kingston Heath next Friday night at 8:30pm. Heidelberg United travel the short distance to John Cain Reserve to take on Northcote City in a match that may give an indication as to which team will make the final five at season's end.

Alanic VPL action between the high flying Heidelberg United and Bentleigh Greens. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS

VPL Standings Round 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond Eagles	19	11	2	6	26	21	35
Hume City	19	10	5	4	34	26	32
Green Gully Cavaliers	19	9	3	7	29	20	30
Oakleigh Cannons	19	9	3	7	27	24	30
Heidelberg Utd	19	8	6	5	30	27	27
Dandenong Thunder	19	9	4	6	21	22	27
Northcote City	18	7	4	7	32	24	24
South Melbourne	19	8	5	6	34	26	23
Bentleigh Greens	18	5	3	10	17	32	18
Altona Magic	19	4	5	10	33	37	17
Melbourne Knights	19	5	5	9	24	30	17
Sunshine George Cross	19	4	3	12	17	35	15

VPL Round 20

Richmond v N.T.C
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Wed 28 Jul KO 8:30PM

Bentleigh Greens v Melbourne Knights
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Fri 30 Jul KO 8:30PM

Altona Magic v Hume City
Paisley Park Soccer Complex
Sat 31 Jul KO 7:00PM

Green Gully Cavaliers v Dandenong Thunder
Green Gully Reserve
Sat 31 Jul KO 3:00PM

South Melbourne v Richmond
John Cain Memorial Park
Sun 1 Aug KO 3:00PM

Northcote City v Heidelberg Utd
John Cain Memorial Park
Sat 31 Jul KO 3:00PM

Sunshine George Cross v Oakleigh Cannons
Knights Stadium
Sun 1 Aug KO 5:00PM

Under 21s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
South Melbourne	20	17	2	1	65	26	53	
Richmond	19	12	2	5	44	25	38	
N.T.C	21	9	8	4	60	40	35	
Green Gully Cavaliers	21	8	5	8	37	48	29	
Oakleigh Cannons	19	7	7	5	40	34	28	
Heidelberg Utd	20	9	3	8	31	29	27	
Hume City	20	8	5	7	51	42	26	
Northcote City	19	6	6	7	46	43	24	
Bentleigh Greens	19	7	2	10	29	36	23	
Altona Magic	21	5	6	10	25	40	21	
Melbourne Knights	20	6	3	11	32	41	18	
Sunshine George Cross	20	5	1	14	27	63	16	
Dandenong Thunder	17	2	4	11	21	41	10	

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Green Gully Cavaliers 4

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Northcote City

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